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BRITISH AIRLINER SMASHES IN SWISS ALPS: ALL KILLED

Avalanche Started

Schangnau, Switzerland, Apr. 16. — A four-engined British airliner smashed into an Alpine peak in fog today, killing its crew of five and their only passenger — an Italian — and starting an avalanche. The plane was bound for Teheran.

Eyewitnesses who saw the plane crash into 7,200 feet high Hohgant Mountain said it skidded over the snow for more than half a mile and then was carried another 900 feet down the mountain slope on the sliding snow before coming to a halt amongst a pile of rocks.

The plane's skid started an avalanche which thundered into the valley below.

According to first reports, the plane did not catch fire. The crash took place at 0.30 this morning and word was brought to the local authorities from the mountain's farms. Relief parties immediately set out for the wreck.

The plane, which was a Halifax III, owned by Air Carriers Limited of London, left Schiphol Airfield this morning for a charter flight to Teheran.

The area of the crash was reported to be rugged. The

passenger's name was given as di Giulio, a representative of the owners, who was on his way to Brindisi.

The Swiss Federal Air Office said in a communique that "the accident appears to be due to faulty navigation." The communique added that the plane struck the north parapet of the mountain and was completely destroyed.

Debris was scattered over a wide area, the statement said, much of it being engulfed in the avalanche. The wreckage did not burn.

All six occupants of the craft were believed to have died instantly. A relief party arrived at the scene in about an hour after the crash.

EXPLOSION

The accident occurred in thick fog, according to the communique. Reports from the scene of the crash state that the remains of the plane were caught up in the avalanche, which the crash started. The wreckage was swept down about 300 yards from the actual place of the crash.

Farmers said they heard the plane roaring overhead early this morning. Almost immediately there was a tremendous explosion as the plane struck the rocky northern parapet of the Hohgant Massif, a series of surrounding farms set off at once, but it was an hour before the first group reached the scene.

The heavy fog and the snow piled up by the avalanche made the work of the search parties very difficult. It was believed tonight that all six bodies had been recovered and were being brought down the mountain side.

Hohgant Massif is about 13 miles north of Interlaken, Reuter.

Smallpox Scare On Big Liner

Liverpool, Apr. 16. — A five-year-old British boy, suffering from suspected smallpox, was taken to hospital from the 11-157-ton British liner Cilella when she docked here from Bombay today.

The Cilella had called at Karachi and at Aden. Passengers from the liner will be kept under observation. Medical officers in the various parts of Britain to which they are travelling have been notified. They number 300.

In another of Britain's major ports—Glasgow—six people died recently during a smallpox outbreak. The outbreak sent nearly a million people into vaccination queues and brought into force stringent precautions to keep the disease under control.

The West of Scotland area, in which Glasgow lies, was expected to be declared free of smallpox this weekend.—Reuter.

ROYAL CHILDREN ON SKIS



Princess Irene (left) and Princess Beatrix preparing to set off on a ski run in the mountains in Austria, where they are spending a holiday with their mother, Queen Wilhelmina. The children spend a lot of time on the snow-covered slopes. (London Express Service).

HUNT FOR SABOTEURS OF VIKING AIRCRAFT

Conscripts Can Be Pilots

London, Apr. 16. — Conscripts called up for the Royal Air Force may now be able to train as pilots, aircraft engineers or gunners during their compulsory 18 months in uniform.

The Air Ministry today announced special training facilities for 200 conscript engineers and 220 gunners in addition to the 300 now trained as pilots each year. The RAF expected to train a gunner in four months and an aircraft engineer in six months. When they pass they may join operational crews.—Reuter.

PERAK SWOOP BY TERRORISTS

Singapore, Apr. 16. — Eighty terrorists attacking the Nur-borough Estate in Perak last night murdered one labourer and destroyed buildings and estate produce worth £1,400.

They seized identity cards from 50 labourers.—Reuter.

Important American Official Among The Passengers

London, Apr. 16. — French and British police linked efforts to find the cause and motive for the suspected sabotage explosion last Thursday in a British Viking airliner carrying an American Marshall Plan official and 27 other passengers from London to Paris.

The explosion was at first thought to have been caused by lightning striking the after-fuselage. The air hostess of the aircraft was injured in the explosion.

It was confirmed in London today that Mr Ralph Strauss, special assistant to the Marshall Plan roving Ambassador, Mr Averell Harriman, was aboard the Viking, which was forced back to Northolt Airport by the explosion.

Mr Strauss told Reuter in Paris that he had not been approached by either Scotland Yard or the French Surete. He paid tribute to the aircraftman-ship of the Viking's pilot, Captain Harvey, saying that it had not been for his ability to bring the aircraft down with its rudder out of action "none of the passengers would be alive today."

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The Association heard evidence that many BOAC and BEA airfields have Communist trade union officials on their staff since 1946.

Ministry of Civil Aviation and BEA officials late today con-

tinued their detailed examination of the damaged Viking, which was towed away and locked up under heavy guard after its return to base on Thursday.

They had not yet determined what type of explosive was planted in the plane's toilet that blew a hole in the fuselage, and breaking the arm of the blonde stewardess, Miss Gramsle, in her quarters near the cockpit bar.

The passengers most of whom went on to Paris by another aircraft, included a French Foreign Minister official, M. Tybergheim.—Reuter.

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Mr Attlee Asks Junior Minister To Resign

Vampire In Collision

London, Apr. 16. — A Royal Air Force pilot, flying a Vampire jet fighter, was killed today in a collision with a Lincoln bomber during exercises.

The pilot baled out over the sea after the collision, leaving his plane to crash off Durlston Head, Dorset. A life-boat picked him up, but he died soon afterwards. The bomber was undamaged.—Reuter.

Fair Share Principle

WESTERN UNION DEFENCE

Brussels, Apr. 16. — The Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Defence and Finance from Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg opened a two-day consultation here today to find a "fair shares" method of arming Western Union for defence.

The Ministers will seek a system of mutual supply of military material to replace the existing rule that each country arms itself—which has been criticised as being unfair, as geographically Britain has a lighter defence burden than other frontiers.

Over a year ago each Western Union country calculated exactly its defence deficiencies and the financial cost of making them good, but since then devaluations and other economic changes have falsified that defence budget.

The British delegation was headed by the Defence Minister, Mr Emanuel Shinwell, while Mr Kenneth Younger, Minister of State, deputised for the Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, who has been undergoing a minor operation.

The French delegation was headed by M. Robert Schuman, the Belgian by M. Paul Van Zeeland, the Netherlands by M. Dirk Stikker, and Luxembourg by M. Joseph Bech—all Foreign Ministers.—Reuter.

Bidault Calls For Atlantic High Council For Peace

Lyons, Apr. 16. — Six were arrested here today when a Communist demonstration greeted the French Prime Minister, M. Georges Bidault's, arrival to open the city's International Fair.

Demonstrators scattered leaflets inside the Fair and paraded posters asking for "Peace in Vietnam."

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SHARP COLLISION WITH THE FARMERS

London, Apr. 16. — Mr Stanley Evans, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, resigned tonight.

An announcement from the Prime Minister's house said that Mr Evans had placed his resignation in the hands of Mr Clement Attlee, who had accepted it.

Mr Evans' resignation came within 24 hours of a slashing attack on him by the National Farmers Unions of England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, which accused him of making "a deliberate attempt to drive a wedge between town and country."

This was the second time in a few days that Mr Evans had angered the farmers. They took issue yesterday with a statement which he made at a press conference on Friday, that "no other nation feather-beds its agriculture like Britain."

He expressed that whether subsidies to farmers had not reached a level which neither consumer nor taxpayer could afford.

The Unions accused him of prematurely disclosing farmers' income figures and of selecting "just those statistics which supported his fallacious argument" that farmers might be getting "too much security."

The Parliamentary Secretary, who ranks as a Junior Minister, had declared that farmers' incomes had gone up from £53,000,000 in 1935 to £229,500,000 last year.

BARE ANNOUNCEMENT

An outspoken Labour back-bencher at 62, Mr Evans went to the Ministry of Food as Parliamentary Secretary in the place of Dr Edith Summerskill when she became Minister of National Insurance. He had been in office for 45 days.

Usually when a Minister resigns, letters between himself and the Prime Minister, showing the reasons for the resignation, are published. Tonight's announcement was a bare statement of the fact that Mr Evans had resigned.—Reuter.

Mr Evans' resignation—which political quarters assumed meant he was sacked by the Prime Minister—climaxed a weekend of Government discomfiture over the Junior Minister's provocative speech on British farmers.

PREMIER'S WRATH

The speech, taken in conjunction with previous "controlling" utterances, was believed to have brought down on Mr Evans' head the wrath not only of the Prime Minister but other powerful Government forces.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Herbert Morrison, the chief party disciplinarian, the Food Minister, Mr Maurice Webb, and the Agriculture Minister, Mr Tom Williams, were all believed to have taken part.

The rapidly with which the situation developed was seen as an indication that the Government intended to deal summarily with any of its followers—whether Ministers or rankers—who kicked over the traces and thus increased Labour's difficulty in maintaining office with its tiny Parliamentary majority.

Some Labour party supporters probably agree with Mr Evans' that farmers get "feather-bed" treatment, but his remarks were aimed at a section of the community with which the Government is anxious to stay on good terms.

Labour hopes to win more agricultural support at the next general election, claiming that its policy has done more than any other to help the British farmer.

THE EVANS COMMENT

The departure of Mr Evans was expected to provoke questions in Parliament, but not to stir up any new party crisis. Mr Evans commenting on his resignation, said: "The National Farmers Union have my scalp under their belt. A healthy qualitative public opinion will know how to assess the results of the coming farm price review negotiations."

Production at any cost would "kill this country stone-dead," he declared.—Reuter.

BALTIC AIR MYSTERY CLUE

British Ship Finds A Liferaft

Wiesbaden, Apr. 16. — The search for the missing United States Navy patrol bomber was officially called off tonight, a few hours after a British steamer picked up a yellow liferaft in the Baltic, south-east of Stockholm.

The raft was found by the steamer Beechland (1,813 tons), bound for the Finnish port of Kotka. From there the raft, identified as American manufactured in 1948, will be flown to Copenhagen tomorrow for examination by Air Force experts.

The raft was picked up north of Gotland Island, roughly on a line between Stockholm and the Latvian Baltic port of Libau, where the Russians allege they were forced to fire on an American bomber a few hours before the Navy Privateer, with 10 men on board, was listed as missing.

The United States Air Force's European Headquarters called off the eight-day search, tonight, abandoning all hope of finding survivors.

It was learned officially that the raft found by the Beechland is of the same type and registration as those used by the missing Privateer. An official spokesman said: "We think it is from the plane."

His statement would be made until after the raft had been examined.

Danish and Swedish vessels which helped in the search returned to their ports tonight.—Reuter.

Hurley Blames Yalta For Red China

New York, Apr. 16. — General Patrick Hurley, former Ambassador to China, today blasted the Yalta agreement as the "blueprint for the Communist conquest of China."

In a debate on Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt's radio programme, General Hurley clashed acrimoniously with fellow guests Senator Warren Magnuson, Dr John King Fairbank, head of Harvard's School of Chinese Studies, and journalist Lauterbach.

Lauterbach and Magnuson laid the blame for the Chinese debacle, on the poverty and loss of faith of the Chinese people and proposed that the United States launch a programme outside Communist areas in Asia aimed at regaining the support of the Asian peoples.

General Hurley said the United States diplomats "surrendered all principles of the Atlantic Charter" in the Yalta secret agreement on China. Alliance with "colonial imperialism" in Southeast Asian countries would lead to the same defeat that the Yalta agreement produced. He said the United States must return to a policy of supporting "free enterprise."—United Press.

EDITORIAL

Britain's Austerity Finances

BROAD indications that the Labour Party is prepared to face an early general election if events dictate its desirability, lend importance to the Budget which Sir Stafford Cripps will present to the country tomorrow. For the Chancellor of the Exchequer and probably the other leading figures in the Cabinet, the reception accorded the budget proposals will be the acid test. No-one today knows exactly what surprises Sir Stafford will have for them in his briefcase. It is a fair assumption, however, that an appeal to popular approval will be made in a mild form, something to reduce the price of beer, a greater incentive to hard work and production by lower bracket income tax concessions, particularly in reference to overtime bonuses—but little more. No attempt made to soften the impact—to play politics, in other words—will, however, alter fundamental policy, the maintenance of a system of rigid austerity. The inclination might readily be there were Britain's financial position sufficiently improved to justify real cuts in taxation, but despite progress, no Chancellor could make such a claim. Britain's only hope for full economic recovery and independence by the time the Marshall Plan ends in 1952 depends on strict controls. The general trend of Cabinet's outlook was revealed in the White Paper calling on the workers to forgo demands for wage increases, on companies to observe restraint in dividends, and on both to strive for increased efficiency in produc-

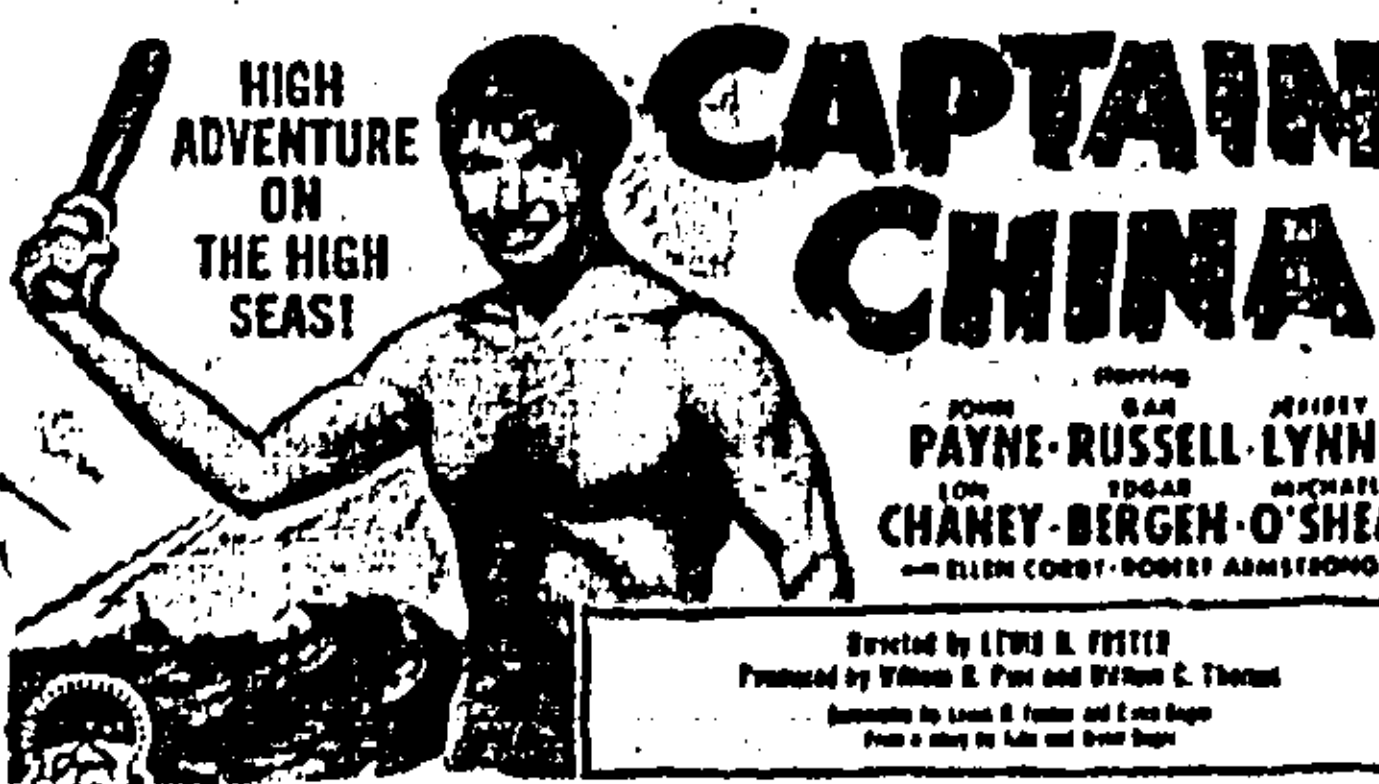
tion. A further drastic cut in imports from hard currency areas, principally the United States, is foreshadowed. In return, there is likely to be little to stir voting enthusiasm. Indeed, considering that Labour's over-all majority in Parliament has been cut, temporarily at least, to four, the predictions of what Sir Stafford Cripps has to offer tomorrow suggest a degree of courage on the part of the Government which no other European government has equalled. Whether his form of austerity is the best possible and whether the proposals can be carried through comfortably in view of growing restiveness is, of course, a question which will provoke a sharp debate in the Commons. Much of the texture of the Conservative attack, however, will be propounded with tongue in cheek. Sir Stafford Cripps can point to a steady rise in industrial production, an increase in output per man-hour, and a remarkable reduction in the deficit in the general balance of payments. By slashing imports, he hopes to cut the dollar shortage in half during 1950 and achieve a surplus in over-all world payments by the time the next budget will be presented. The Conservatives can be depended upon to find flaws in Labour expectations when the issues are debated, their eyes also being on the possibility of an early general election, but Britain's austerity Chancellor can be depended on to make out his case skillfully and without circumspection. And his record disclaims utterly any intention of offering "bribes."

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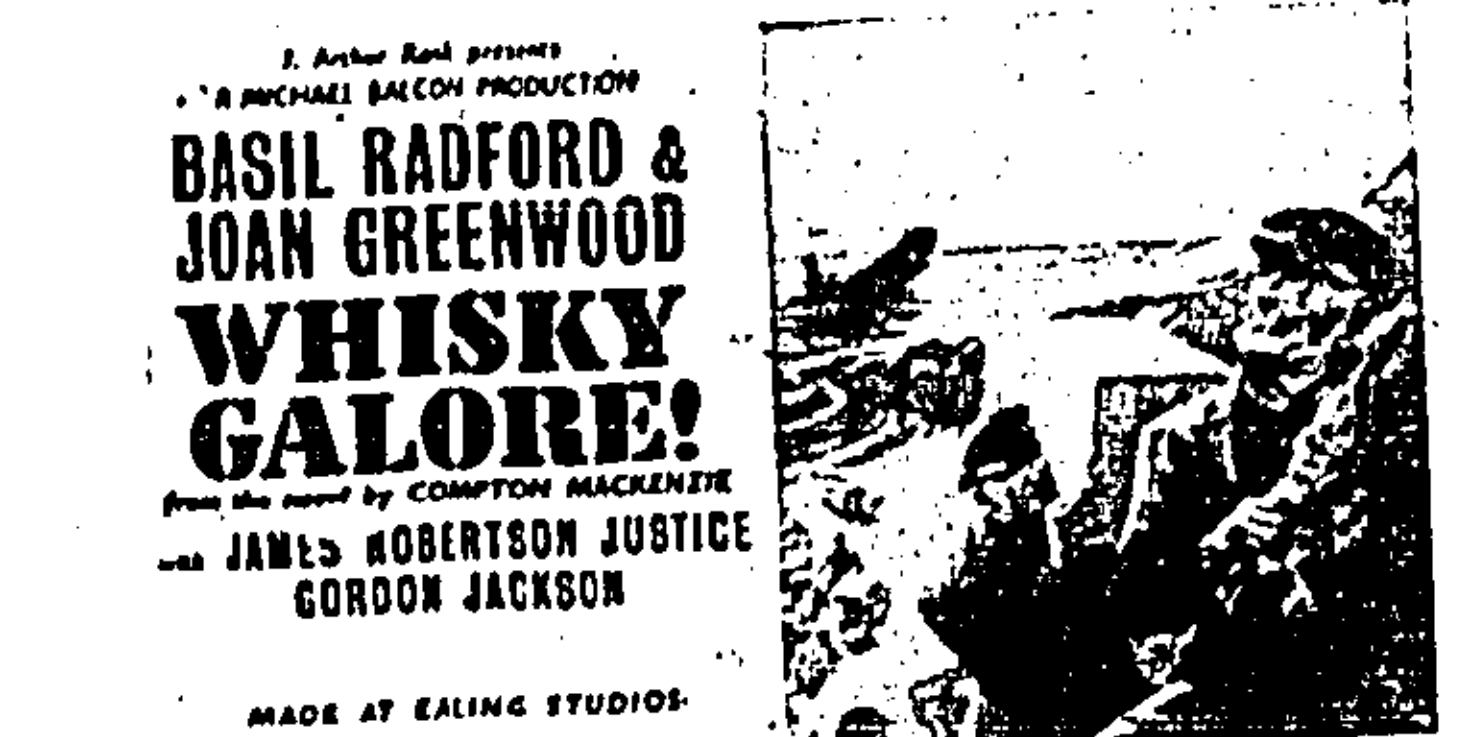
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A BRIDE BRINGS TO LONDON THE GLAMOUR OF THE EAST

A COLD reception (climatically speaking) sent a glamorous honeymoon couple scurrying from their suite at the Dorchester—to the West End shops to get some really warm clothes.

THE BRIDE
Heads turned in Park Lane.

The bride is Christina, daughter of a wealthy Singapore-Chinese and considered as one of the most beautiful girls in the East. She certainly turned many heads as she walked down Park Lane.

Christina is tall for a Chinese girl, 5ft. 6in. Her raven hair nearly reaches her shoulders, frames a beautifully made-up face.

Her husband is Mr Wan Tho Lok, owner of cinemas, a newspaper, tin mines and rubber plantations, and one of the richest Chinese in Singapore.

They forgot—

But why were they short of warm clothes? It is an old story that in the excitement of the wedding and honeymoon we forget it is not as warm in England as it is in Singapore, he explained. "I did not even bring an overcoat."

He left in a hurry to buy a tweed overcoat. Mrs Wan Tho Lok was buying tailor-made costumes and a fur coat.

From the clothes she brought to London she chose for her walk to the hairdresser a pink and jade Chinese silk dress cut in the traditional straight line with a high mandarin collar, jade green crocodile skin shoes and matching handbag.

Diamond rings

Over her dresses she wore a three-quarter length swingback renskin coat.

Her jewellery: fan-shaped earrings made of Siamese silver with jade enamel and a matching brooch; a large diamond eternity wedding ring with a diamond engagement ring.

Half-way down Park Lane, finding her hands cold, she put them in her pockets and pulled out a pair of black suede gloves. "My goodness," she said, "I bought these in New York a long time ago and had forgotten I had them. The coat has been in storage at home—we never need such garments in Singapore."

They attended a film premiere. Before she left, Christina brought six exquisite Chinese silk evening gowns from her trunk and asked for her opinions on which she should wear.

Her Choice

She decided on a turquoise silk, heavily embroidered with gold thread pagodas and mandarins on horseback. It was cut on the same perfectly straight line as her day dress, with cap sleeves, a high mandarin collar and slits at each side to give her freedom for walking. Anxiously she asked: "Will my fur coat be all right over the dress? You are rather formal in England in the way you dress."

A fortnight of their honeymoon was spent in London. Then they sail for New York in the Queen Mary.

But only after the bride has been to see her husband's old college—at Cambridge.

—London Express Service.

Street Dress

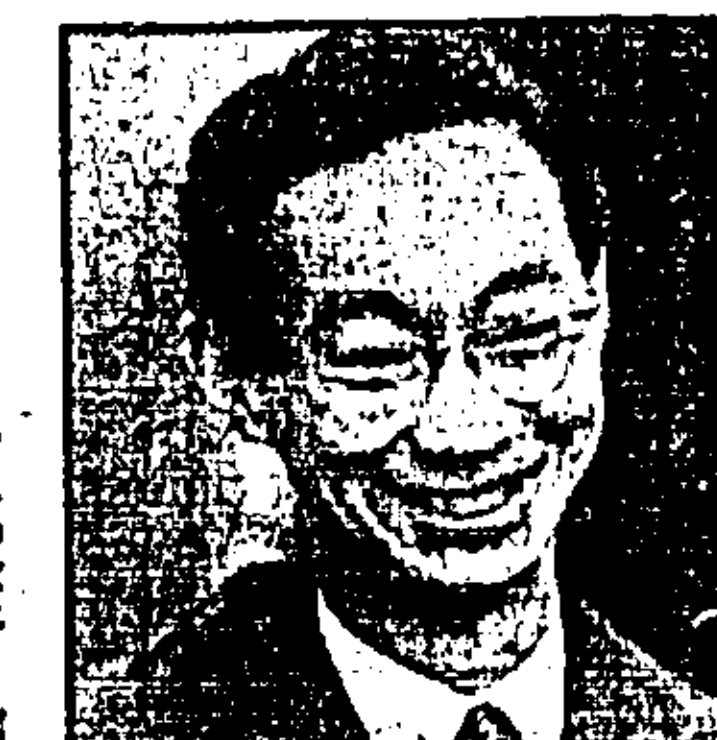
By GRACE THORNCILFFE
MEDIUM gray yarn dyed worsted is used for the design depicted here, a most wearable street dress for spring. White birdseye plique is used for the collar, the cuffs and pocket trim, the latter also dressed up with self buttons. A lap-over panel in back makes for easy walking. The belt is of gray lizard.

Having His 36th Child At 68

A 68-year-old New York City man, who has thirty-five children ranging in age from 81 to 1, including seven sets of twins and one set of triplets, has just had another child by his fourth wife.



Mrs. Lok's hair-do

THE BRIDEGROOM
Film, newspapers, tin plantations.

New Weapon In The Battle Of Germs

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

A THOROUGH study of bacitracin, one of the most recent of the antibiotic drugs, indicates it as a very promising germ-killer.

Prepared originally from a germ known as bacillus subtilis, bacitracin has been produced commercially and is now available for use in the treatment of infections, many of which clear up quickly when the drug is applied directly in the form of a solution or ointment.

Eye Infections

Many patients with skin infections and eye infections have been reported as successfully treated with bacitracin without any evidence of reactions.

It is also interesting to note that bacitracin is effective in the treatment of amebic dysentery. A number of patients were given the preparation by mouth. The bacitracin is not absorbed from the intestinal tract. Thus, it acts directly upon many of the germs found in the intestinal area, destroying them or checking their growth.

Active Symptoms

The patients with amebic dysentery who were treated with bacitracin all had active symptoms including diarrhoea and the presence of blood in the bowel movements.

The patients were studied over a period of 6 to 12 months and all of them were relieved of their symptoms. However, in about one-third, the parasite which causes this disease was found later in the stools, although the patients had no symptoms as a result. A second course of treatment, with increased dosage, given as soon as the ameba was discovered, got rid of the organisms in most of the cases. As a result of the treatment itself, only two patients had any disturbance. Both of these had diarrhoea, but it was not severe enough to make it necessary to stop treatment.

Bacitracin has also been used in the treatment of pneumonia with excellent results. It is suggested that this preparation be employed in cases of pneumonia which do not respond to penicillin.

There is also some evidence that bacitracin, together with penicillin, may be more effective than either one alone in the control of some infections. Further studies of this preparation are being carried out for the purpose of reducing any possible damaging effects.

Fashion Itself Has Become Fashionable With Women

ENGLISH fashion writer, Joy Parry, long resident in Paris, voiced her amazement over the number of people who would never think of missing a couture showing, and still more amazed by the comparative physical resistance of comparatively busy women who face such busy events.

After reporting 20 Paris showings this season, each of which took two hours, mostly in very cramped circumstances, Miss Parry wants to know why so many mere spectators seek to catch the showings on the opening days, and fight to stand in a corner and peep through chinks left by heads massed in rows five and six deep. She acknowledges many do it as duty, such as trade buyers from various countries, fabric manufacturers and the like.

A Smart Outfit Raises Morale



For late afternoon and evening, Joan Fontaine, famous movie star, chooses this smart taffeta coat which lies flat at the neck.

By HELEN FOLLETT

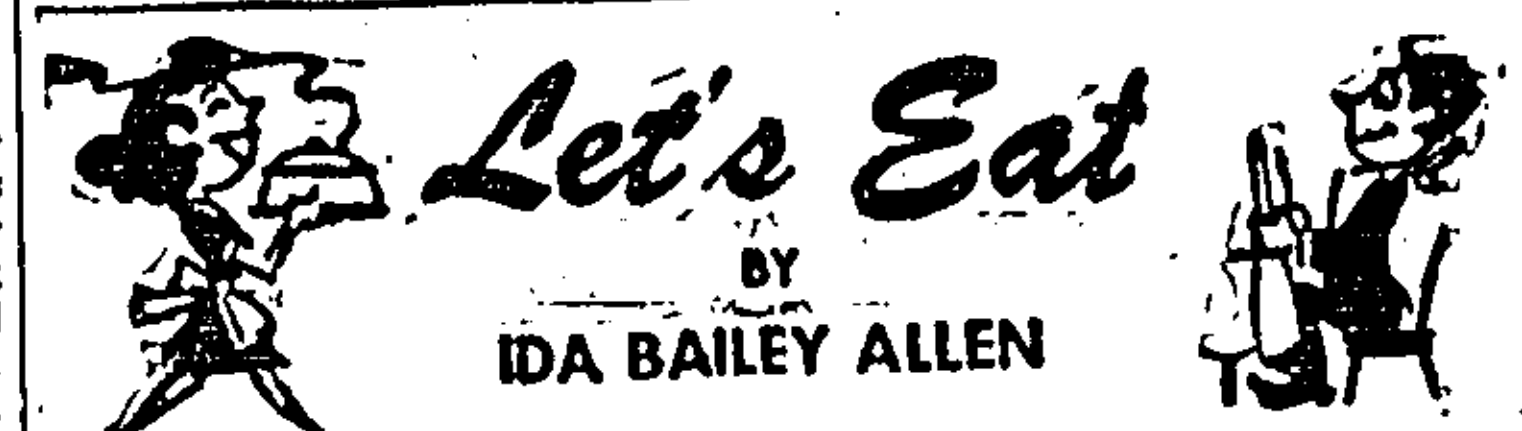
AS far as the eye of the observer is concerned, dress makes the woman, and every woman knows it. How she looks, she feels to a certain extent. When she makes herself that was never right in the first place she has a deep desire to go hide herself. Tugged up in her latest gown she has confidence, self respect, a sense of elation.

When selecting items of the wardrobe a woman has to use her head, not just pick out a blouse or a jacket in a haphazard manner. When the well-dressed woman does her picking, she has in mind an ensemble. With what will she wear that blouse? Will the frock make friends with certain hats? The heavy weight must consider the colours and pattern of the fabrics since light colours and materials of large designs will make her look larger, and rounder.

The wise buyer knows her type, her best body lines, and endeavours always to seek what is flattering. She never buys cheap imitations of expensive fabrics that are sure to look shoddy. She considers herself as a complete composition, therefore does not wear crazy looking shoes that draw attention straight to her feet or a wacky hat that takes the observer's eye away from her face which should be more interesting than her millinery.

It is fatal to get into one's clothes in a hurry. Take time for putting on make-up, blending powder and rouge. Tinting the lips should be done after the frock is on. Slipping your dress over rouged lips may ruin the pretty dud, and lipstick stain is not easy to remove.

A smart hat can lose style by the way it is worn. Some are designed to be worn forward, some far back, halo fashion some don't look like anything at all unless they are worn with a side tilt.

Let's Eat
BY
IDA BAILEY ALLEN
Dishing Up An
Appetising Fish Patter

"VOILA!" exclaimed the chef, as the waiter set down a platter of fish. "This is a service that delights a gourmet as well as a chef. Observe how appetising this fish looks sizzling on this hot metal platter!"

We were dining at Sweet's, one of the historic restaurants in downtown New York, situated in the heart of the fish market. "It is the quality and the cookery of sea-food, that has made this place a landmark," observed the chef.

Madame, I believe that if the homemaker would prepare and serve the fish as intelligently as done in this establishment, more families would eat more fish more often. You see the fish is baked or broiled on the serving platter. That preserves its flavour, aroma and attractive appearance."

Besides, Chef, baking or broiling keeps in all the nutritive elements.

"And this fish service has eye appeal, Madame, because the fish is not broken, as often happens when it must be transferred to a serving platter."

Dinner
All-Vegetable Soup
Broiled Fillet of Flounder
Lemon Wedges and Cress
Fried Potatoes
Hot Sweet-Sour Beets
Raisin Cup Cakes
Coffee or Tea-Milk (Children)
Include enriched bread or rolls with butter or margarine.All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve FourAll-Vegetable Soup
Fine-dice enough of the following peeled vegetables to make 1/2 c. each: carrots, onion and white turnip; cut enough celery into 1/4 in. pieces to make 1 c.; clean and shred enough string beans to make 1/2 c.; fine-chop enough white cabbage to make 1 c. After preheating the vegetables proceed as follows: Into a 3 qt.-sized sauce pan measure 1 1/2 tsp. sugar and let it gradually melt; add 2 tsp. butter or margarine, and 22 strokes. Transfer to cup cake pans that have been lightly oiled, and dusted with flour. Bake in a moderate oven, 350-375 F. from 20-25 min. or until the cakes shrink from the sides of the pan. and are golden brown on top. and a toothpick inserted in the centre comes out clean. As these cakes are like pound cake in texture they will with minced parsley. If a meatloaf is made, use the same recipe.

Sweet-Sour Sauce: Combine 1/2 c. cider vinegar and 1/2 scant cup sugar. Stir and bring to boiling point. Next add 1/2 tsp. cornstarch to 1 tsp. cold water. Stir until smooth and add to the heated vinegar mixture. Cook and stir 2 min. Use as directed.

Raisin Cup Cakes
Into a mixing bowl measure 1/2 c. butter, margarine or shortening and cream until smooth and soft. Add 1 1/4 c. sugar and stir until creamy. Then break in 4 eggs one at a time, creaming each one in thoroughly before adding the next. Mix in 2 1/4 c. cake flour, 3 tsp. baking powder, 1/2 tsp. nutmeg, 1/2 tsp. salt and 1/2 c. of this to the creamed mixture; then add the balance alternately with 1/4 c. milk, continuing until all is used; beat 20 strokes. Transfer to cup cake pans that have been lightly oiled, and dusted with flour. Bake in a moderate oven, 350-375 F. from 20-25 min. or until the cakes shrink from the sides of the pan. and are golden brown on top. and a toothpick inserted in the centre comes out clean. As these cakes are like pound cake in texture they will with minced parsley. If a meatloaf is made, use the same recipe.Broiled Fillets of Flounder
Use a good-sized heat-proof glass or metal platter. Rub plentifully with butter or margarine. On it place 1 1/2 lbs. fresh or defrosted fillets of flounder. Dust with 1/2 tsp. salt and 1/2 tsp. pepper. Cover lightly with 1/4 c. dry bread crumbs mixed with 2 tsp. melted butter or margarine. Place 4 in. from the heat and broil until the flesh forms flakes when tested with a fork, about 12-15 min. If necessary place closer to the heat to brown. When done pour over 2 tsp. melted butter or margarine, and garnish with lemon wedges and crisp water cress.

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RELIGION FOR THE HOMELESS



THE Rev. Ian Hunter, curate of St. Paul's Church in London, holds services in front of the mobile church-canteen of the London Embankment Mission for the Homeless. Hot soup and tea are served free in the "church."—(Acme).

"Widow Snooping" Arouses Australians

Sydney, Apr. 16.—No more "widow snooping," Repatriation Minister Walter J. Cooper has warned investigators of war widows' pensions. "Widow-snooping," newspapers and leaders of ex-service women's organisations charged, involves spying on war widows for evidence of immorality.

Australian war widows receive £3 weekly. A clause in the repatriation act empowers the Repatriation Commission, to refuse a pension or terminate it.

Critics charged that some pensions were stopped after government investigators visited widows' homes at night.

Cooper told Parliament the Commission had no right to "spy" on war widows because authority to make such investigations was withdrawn a year ago by the former socialist Labour Government.

Newspapers opposed the investigations as a flagrant example of government meddling in the people's private affairs.

One of the country's most distinguished and fiery war widows campaigned for months against "spying" on widows. She is Mrs. George Vasey, widow of a famous aviator killed in a plane crash after brilliant service in New Guinea.

She said hundreds of war widows would re-marry if they could keep their pensions. Without the pension, she said, many will not risk failure of a new marriage.

VISITS AT NIGHT

Lady Stanton Hicks told a conference of ex-servicemen that investigators, working in pairs, visited widows' homes at night and pulled out drawers when searching for evidence of immorality. Neighbors immediately branded a widow, she said, whether she was innocent or guilty.

The conference carried a resolution expressing its "disgust" and asking the Government to stop investigations "foreign to British justice."

Lady Hicks said a war widow whose pension is stopped because of alleged immorality first finds out about it when she goes to collect it.

"Humiliated in front of other pensioners," she said, "the war

widow has no means of appeal and the Repatriation Department will give no reasons or let her see the files."

"I don't think anyone can be the custodian of people's morality," Cooper said. "That is absurd. The life of an individual is his private concern so long as it conforms to the law."

Lady Hicks maintains that a guarantee that investigations will be stopped is not enough. She wants the law amended so that investigators will have no legal right to enter widows' homes to check on their morality.

"It is a threat to a widow's chance of re-marrying," she said, "because widows are not only afraid to ask a man into the home, but don't even dare to be seen out with a man since someone might 'report' them."—United Press.

Six Nations Will Explore Arctic Area For Weather Clue

By Noel Mostert

Montreal, Apr. 16.—A six-nation expedition to Canada's largest and bleakest Arctic island believes its muskox wastes may tell them whether the earth is getting warmer and its water supply shrinking.

Their findings, added to evidence from other parts of the world pointing to a new trend in the weather, may be the key to several major scientific problems.

The party of 18 or 20 Canadian, American, British, Finnish and Norwegian scientists, accompanied by a team of Swiss mountaineers, will fly from here to Baffin Island in May.

The island is the fifth largest in the world and is more than twice the size of the United Kingdom.

An examination of the glacial structure of its virtually unexplored interior is expected to reveal whether the retreat of glaciers and ice caps, already observed in Alaska and Norway, is a world-wide phenomenon, with possible effects on climate and water reservoirs.

WEATHER MEN PUZZLED

Mild weather in eastern North America and sub-zero temperatures on the usually balmy Canadian west coast have puzzled weather men. On checking records, they found a definite trend towards warmer winters had set in as far back as 1870.

Ships are reaching Spitzbergen, north of Norway, nine months in the year instead of three 30 years ago, and the permanently frozen subsoil of the sub-Arctic is melting.

This information, lumped with that brought back by the expedition, may help scientists to reach conclusions which may have a big effect on world

economy. Col. P. D. Baird, who commanded Canada's famed 1940 Exercise Muskox in the Hudson Bay area, will lead the expedition, which will be away from May until September.

AIR PHOTOS TAKEN

Baird, announcing the expedition on behalf of the Arctic Institute of North America, said maps were being prepared from air photographs taken in 1948 and 1949.

Much of the research work will be carried out on a peculiar ice cap, some 100 miles by 40, surrounded by flat or gently rolling ground, and lying west of the Baffin Island supply station on the River Clyde.

The party's chief glaciologist, W. H. Ward, of the Scientific and Industrial Research Department of the United Kingdom, will be in charge there.

He said: "The Arctic region of Canada, which comprise some 25 percent of the total area of the country, are still extremely unknown. The outlines and coasts have been mapped, but scientifically this area is one of the largest blanks on the map of the world."

ONLY AN OUTLINE

"The east coast of this island was fairly well known to the whaling ships in the last century, but even the outline of

the west coast has been filled in only in the last 40 years." The expedition leader explained that existing maps of the area do not show the heads or outlines of many of the deep inlets which penetrate the east coast and the interior was almost completely blank north of latitude 68 degrees.

A Norseman aircraft, equipped for skis in the spring and floats for the summer, will ferry supplies to the expedition as it heads into the Baffin Island hinterland.

The only woman with the party will be Mrs. Pierre Danseur, whose husband is chief botanist. He is a Guggenheim fellow in the United States. Mrs. Danseur will paint and sketch.—United Press.

Safeguarding The Crown Jewels

Among the few things in the world which are literally without price are the State jewels of the nations, chief among them being the historic British Crown Jewels and those legendary treasures which make up the Crown Jewels of Persia. Less well known, but almost equally fabulous, are the steps which are taken to protect this regalia against burglary.

Some of these secrets have just been revealed to a party of London bankers who visited the works of Chubb and Sons Lock and Safe Company Ltd., when they were shown the massive strong-room doors soon to be despatched to new buildings of the Bank Mellin at Teheran where the Persian Crown Jewels will be stored.

Entrance to one of these strong rooms, where the famous Peacock Throne and other treasures will be displayed, is controlled by a steel door weighing 10 tons and 20 inches thick. When closed the door is secured by two key-locks and one keyless combination lock capable of no less than one hundred million different combinations. A would-be thief, without any clue to the correct combination and taking less than one minute to set each one, would have to live to be 200 years of age to work through the lot. Even then he would find that a time-lock prevented the door being opened except at a predetermined time.

IT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT



ALTHOUGH it looks as if it might have arrived on one of those talked-about flying saucers, this is only a maki, from French Madagascar. The little creature, now in Paris, resembles a common mouse and behaves like a monkey and it may reach a height of five feet when full grown.—(Acme).

Supersonic Sable Hits The Spots

By BART KINCH

The night life of a Chihuahua, the hot tamale of the canine world, has many of New York's playboys stymied. This doggy night-lifer is escorted to the theatre and the gay spots by a luscious blonde every night.

The stag line frowns. There's a crowd and Supersonic Sable, the Chihuahua charmer, doesn't like crowds.

The blonde is Janie Stevens, 23, a pert pin-sized singer at the Old Knickerbocker, a cafe-theatre specialising in melodrama, red-checked tablecloths and beer. Miss Stevens, who stands four feet 11 inches and weighs 65 pounds, Chihuahua in hand, is the star attraction.

DO TOWN TOGETHER

Janie, a singer since she was 16, started taking Supersonic Sable to the theatre with her each evening. After the show they do the town together.

Sable's life, however, was not always one of gay revelry and gadding about the Gay White Way. Before her emancipation she used to remain at Miss Stevens' apartment and snooze while her mistress was out winning the brandy and dog biscuits. This prosaic existence ended abruptly when Miss Stevens

found that upon returning home after a hard night at the theatre Sable would be full of life and ginger. She would enlist all sorts of guises and cute tricks to get her mistress to forsake the sack for a little frisking and good-natured play.

JANIE REBELS

The result? Janie Stevens got very little sleep. "Enough!" cried Janie. "From now on you can go to all the shows with me. Then maybe we'll both get some sleep."

The following night Sable had her first taste of New York's night life. She started with the theatre, followed by visits to many of the better bistros. She polished off the evening with a ride home in a taxi, encoined beside her mistress. Then a quick canter around the block and Sable and Janie retired for the night.

It worked. Sable was all tuckered out and slept like a dog until very late the next day.—United Press.

New York Experts Call This The Smoothest Trick

By Frederick Cook

New York.

At the New York police headquarters they still have not given up hope of one day finding the man who, in the opinion of experts, worked the smoothest confidence trick ever known in the city.

It happened in the early '30s, when Franklin D. Roosevelt was still Governor of New York. Perhaps the man who did it is dead. But

the police are keeping their eyes open. This is the story as I heard it the other night:

One spring morning a well-dressed middle-aged man walked into the Fifth Avenue showrooms of one of the world's leading jewelers. He introduced himself as private secretary to Governor Roosevelt, explained that he had been asked to select a couple of diamond bracelets suitable for Mrs. Roosevelt.

NO SUSPICION

The Governor was at Albany, the State capital, but would be in town the following afternoon. Mrs. Roosevelt would still be out of town. The Governor wished to make the choice himself, unknown to his wife.

Would they care to send these two bracelets up to the Roosevelt's town house sometime tomorrow morning? They would indeed. There was not a ground for suspicion.

The well-spoken secretary thanked them and began to leave. He paused for a moment and said to the salesman: "Oh, by the way, hadn't you better let me have one of your cards? The Governor will be telephoning in person to let you know which bracelet he has picked, and it would simplify things if he knew whom to ask for." The salesman handed over a card.

Just before noon next day a limousine drew up outside the Roosevelt's town house. A man from the jewellers handed the butler a small package. The butler placed it on the hall table.

"HOW DO I KNOW?"

An hour later the bell rang again. A man giving every sign of embarrassment explained that a stupid mistake had been made. The package should have been held at the shop, where the Governor was to call in person. Might they have it back?

The butler—a man not easily duped—asked: "But how do I know who you are? Hadn't I better telephone the shop?" "That won't be necessary," said the caller. "I can easily identify myself." He handed over his card.

"I'm sorry, sir," the butler apologized, as he delivered the jewels. "You know how it is these days. You can't be too careful." The \$20,000 worth of diamonds have never been seen since.

(London Express Service)

QUEEN OF SPAIN VISITS POPE



QUEEN Mother Victoria of Spain walks past saluting Swiss guardsmen after a private audience with Pope Pius XII in the Vatican City.—(Acme).

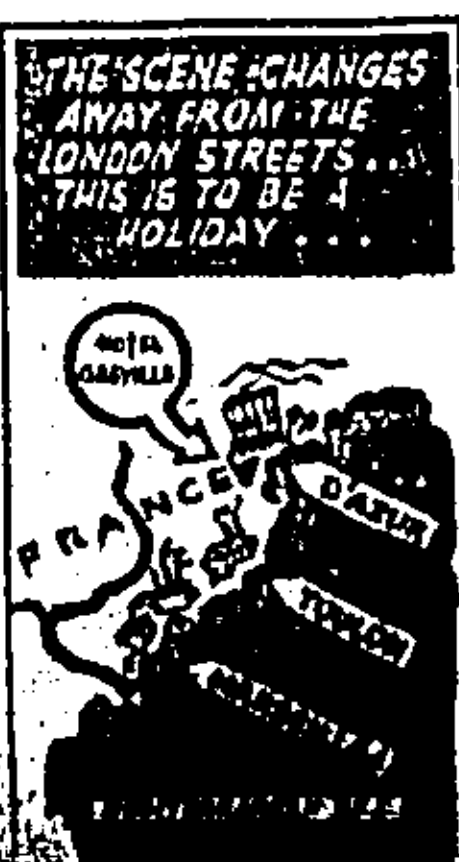
Drama At Edinburgh Festival

Details of the drama programme at the fourth Edinburgh International Festival of Music and Drama—from August 20 to September 10—have recently been announced.

The Glasgow Citizens Theatre, which has done excellent work in its own region over a number of years, will occupy the Lyceum Theatre for the whole three weeks of the Festival. Three plays will be given in repertory, that is to say it will be possible for a visitor to see all three in any one week; two are modern, one a Scottish classic.

The plays are "The Queen's Bed" by James Bridle, starring Sonia Dresdel; "The Atom Doctor" by Eric Linklater; and William Home's "Douglas," "The Atom Doctor," based on a theme by Ben Jonson, has a modern setting in a Scottish city. "Douglas," in which the principal roles will be taken by Dame Sybil Thorndike and Sir Lewis Casson, deals with a Scottish legend set in the period of the Danish invasions.

K. O. CANNON . . . A NEW ADVENTURE WITH WHISPER BEGINS TODAY



RETIRED heavyweight champ Joe Louis is getting acquainted with a new kind of opponent as he enters a circus ring with three lions at their winter headquarters in Gonzales, Texas. If Joe takes a job with the circus, as rumoured, those cats had better get tame in a hurry.—(Acme).

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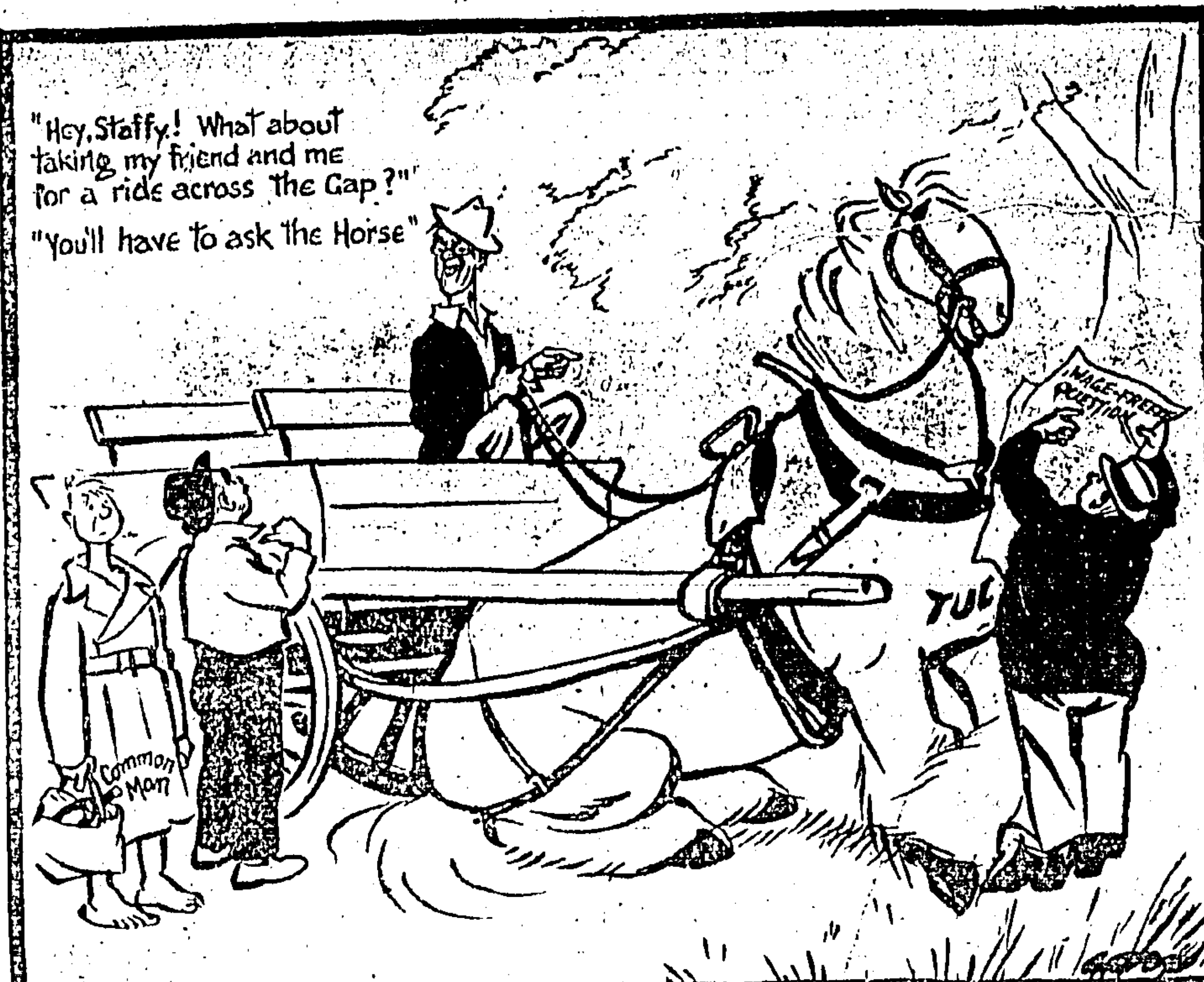
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Touchy? Why, even a game of marbles started a massacre

by SYDNEY SMITH

IN a narrow Calcutta lane, little more than a garbage-filled rats' run, a cluster of street urchins knelt to play marbles. Young Ibrahim Khan bounced Ram Lal Gupta's best alley, with a plop straight into the crusty scum of a flooded drain.

Ram Lal howled until his father uncrossed his legs and scrambled down from the shelf of his fruit and betel nut stall and caught Ibrahim by the ear. Then Ibrahim's father arrived to see what it was all about.

Forty-five minutes later the mist of tear-gas lifted from the militant rubble of stones and sticks and bricks to show 27 bodies lying in the silent lane—Hindus and Moslems. None of them had cared about a marble game or known about cut-throat alleys.

Some had died because they cared about pigstails and sandalwood paste smeared on their foreheads, and others because they believed that there is only one God and that Mahomet is His prophet.

None of them had wanted to kill or die. But they did it because they were afraid.

This is not fiction. It is one of the minor incidents in the present India-Pakistan Bengal communal war, recorded in the police report book of a Calcutta slum. There are others even more obscure: the pickpocket who the mobs forgot him as he burned and stoned three more buses....

The Moslem who could not pay his bill of Rs. 14 for his betel chew to the Hindu shopkeeper and started a communal riot that sent 27 others to hospital.

These small instances are part of the haunting black magic and terror which in the past two months has uprooted three-quarters of a million Bengali Hindus and Moslems from their centuries-old homes. It has sent them trekking across an artificial 2½-year-old border to swell the refugee burden on two already bankrupt British Commonwealth Governments.

CALCUTTA... scene of the India-Pakistan tension.

How many of both communities have died in the process—from cholera, dysentery and starvation, cigarette-tin bombs and "take guns" and knives, is uncertain.

If the official allegations from both sides are to be believed, it cannot be fewer than 20,000, but it might be 50,000. Non-communal independent estimates add it up to only 10,000.

The dead cannot tell. But the living, the homeless, the starving and the diseased in refugee camps on both sides are pretty solid cast testimony to the distress.

'War readiness'

THREE-QUARTERS of Pakistan's and a half of India's budget is devoted to keeping these two Commonwealth neighbours in a state of "war readiness" against each other.

To death and devastation are joined the economic blockade of both sides. There have cut off trade, commerce and communications almost as drastically as if the borders were already firing lines.

While at the top a sprinkling of men of wisdom and good will, headed by Jawaharlal Nehru and Liaquat Ali Khan, are fast becoming candidates for Gandhi's martyrdom by seeking a compromise, a great vociferous middle and lower middle class, led by fanatics, semi-educated windbags and ambitious political provocateurs, is howling for war.

The militant nationalist Hindu Mahasabha, which brought Gandhi to his death, has proclaimed, to the accompaniment of popular clamour in Calcutta, that India must fight and Nehru must resign.

Moslems died in the biggest pitched battle this year. I sat in a command post with an Indian Army officer. His chest was bright with the British campaign ribbons of Africa and Europe. He was proud of them. He was a Hindu. He shot 13 Hindus in one day recently, while his troops shot more to rescue 15,000 besieged Moslems.

Spirit of sanity

HE talked the lingo of the old Indian Army. He was pukka. "You see, old boy, although they divided the best army in Asia we have not forgotten what we learned—the friends we had and fought beside—Moslem, Hindu, English. We are non-communal and we're fighting to keep the peace right now."

I know all the Pak Army chaps on the other side, and if I met them now I'd say, 'Hello, old boy, have a drink.' Just like we used to.

If we were ordered to war, of course, we would go just the same. But if we can crack down hard enough on this madness we shall not have to fight—there will be no war between the blokes who were friends and fellow-officers in the old Indian Army.

In that spirit—of those who remember sanity and the best that was—there may be still some hope.

—(London Express Service)

C.V.R. Thompson Reports The U.S.A.

NEW YORK
THE usual story in the U.S. just as in Britain, is that a domestic job is the last one to take.

Well, that is not the idea of the new maid in a Miami, Florida, house. Zora Houston does not seem to be different from any other Negro maid.

That she has written seven outstanding novels and she is a doctor of literature. And she has taken a maid's job for this reason:

"You can only use your mind so long—then you have to use your hands. I like to cook and keep house. Why shouldn't I do it for someone else?"

THE GREAT wastepaper-basket mystery is still a mystery after all. A month ago New York officials, with their minds on tidying up the city, put 1,000 big wire baskets at street corners. Since then 753 have been stolen.

Embarrassed and angry, the police have hunted the thief, or thieves, as diligently as they are hunting the counterfeiters passing ten and 20-dollar bills all over the town.

At last they swooped on James McMahon, porter at a block of flats. They caught him with one basket in his possession. They brought him to court as the "master-mind" behind the Big Basket Robbery. But the court dismissed the case for lack of evidence.

The police are still more embarrassed and angrier. BRITAIN may still get competition over jet-liners. The Budget Bureau has earmarked £4,000,000 as a subsidy to help U.S. manufacturers meet production costs of a jet-liner—at the drawing-board stage—which they say is as good as the Comet. Congress has yet to approve the subsidy.

SPANKED by the Chicago Tribune were those Washington air force chiefs who handed out hints on how to behave to U.S. airmen stationed in Britain. Said the Tribune: "The snobs are gratuitously apologising in advance for their countrymen."

THAT SCOTCH which the Government took away from English pubs and wine-shops last year to send to America is not selling too well. According to Harry Laurie, New York's biggest whisky merchant, that is because most of it consisted of lesser-known brands.

Mr. Laurie is suggesting an advertising campaign to break down what he calls "consumer resistance" to these brands. PEPPER, said a Government decree is just "a desirable seasoning" and not a necessity. And so the Government will not build up stocks against the chance of another war cutting off supplies.

CONFESSION from America's doctors by way of their Medical Journal: "We can find no way to prevent your hair turning grey."

Switching On The Sun

THE CHAPMAN-PINCHER COLUMN

OXFORD. THE weather men should soon be able to arrange sunshine for the next Easter Parade and "turn on" rain during droughts. That is my belief after talks with the world's leading meteorologists during the international weather conference, which has just ended here.

Details of an astonishingly simple ground-operated device, which can give considerable control over clouds, were disclosed by America's pioneer rainmaker DR VINCENT SCHAEFER.

The device is a stove, burning a mixture of charcoal and iodine of silver. Its smoke scatters minute crystals of the iodine of silver high in the sky. Any of the crystals which drift into clouds made up of very cold water-drops immediately trigger off a chain-reaction, turning the whole cloud into ice.

The ice particles then fall. Depending on temperature and other conditions, they either turn to rain on the way down or change to vapour, leaving a clear sky.

One watchman's brazier-sized stove can clear 200 square miles of "super-cool" clouds. A chain of them covering Britain's skies would serve three uses:—

1 Make many of the clouds, which would otherwise drift over during droughts, shed their rain.
2 Disperse those low-lying misty clouds which carry little rain but obscure the sun for days in windless weather.

R. A. F. boss DR RONALD FRITH thinks that clearing cloud to let the sun through for Derby Day, the Cup Final, and the Lord Mayor's Show is an immediate possibility.

3 Make flying safer by helping to prevent thunderstorms and by dispersing the cold-water clouds which ice up aircraft.

Experiments in progress at Oxford's Clarendon Laboratory are showing that the tremendous electrical charges which cause lightning are built up

gradually by friction between water drops and ice particles. Change all the water to ice, and big charges should be eliminated, the scientists argue.

TO CELEBRATE its centenary the Royal Meteorological Society has published a fascinating collection of traditional "Red sky at night shepherd's delight" type weather signs.

One for those disappointed by cold wind and rain—A cold, moist April fills the cellars and fattens the cow. One I find most reliable—A glaring sunny morning never comes to a good end. The one I like best—Spring has come when a maid can set her foot on seven daisies at once.

SWIFT SNOOP

UNDER the rafters of Oxford's ugly University Museum, two scientists are setting up spy-holes for a daily dawn-to-dusk snoop into the intimate family lives of 20 couples due to take up residence there this month.

The couples are swifts immigrating from South Africa. The spy-holes are the glass backs of tunnel-shaped nesting-boxes in which the swifts will rear their twins or triplets. The scientists are famous bird authority DR DAVID LACK and his blonde wife ELIZABETH.

Between them the Lacks own the only human eyes which have ever seen the rearing of a swift family. Swifts usually build in inaccessible places. No body thought of offering them nesting-boxes until the Lacks did it last year.

They found that both parent swifts take a turn of incubating duty, relieving each other every three hours. "Which is just the time my wife and I find most convenient for relieving each other during our watches," said Lack.

A sitting swift just edges over slightly when Lack lifts out each youngster for its daily spring-balance weighing. It does not seem to mind when he intercepts a good "parcel" brought in for the youngsters by the other bird. Each "parcel" contains up to 800 insects, all caught on the wing, Lack reports.

Lack will probably apologise to the swifts in print for his Peeping Tom act. His book describing his scientific studies of robins is dedicated (rather coyly) "To all those robins who permitted my intrusions into the intimacies of their lives."

IRONY

A SCIENTIST here who helped design the R101 airship, which crashed in 1930, told me an ironical behind-the-scenes story.

The ship's 760-ft. long framework contained more than 40,000 metal tubes, fixed at each end to girders. When the skeleton was almost finished a workman dropped a hammer on one of the tubes.

Two serious defects were found in the tube when it was taken out for repair—the minuscule makers had made it too small and it was insecurely fastened.

Both these critical points had escaped the inspector's eye. So the designers wondered how many more tubes were as bad. The only safe thing to do, short of dismantling the airship, was to take an X-ray picture of every tube. The job took months.

Result: the tube the workman hit accidentally was the only faulty one in the airship.

*"Weather Lore" by Richard Inwards and E. L. Hawke (Hider, 15s.)

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Line-up on the May conferences Big Three will discuss Far East problems

WEEKS OF NEGOTIATIONS: BRITISH
SUGGESTIONS FILL EIGHT PAGES

London, Apr. 16.—The Big Three Foreign Ministers conference to be held on May 8 in London will review the whole field of foreign policy and study an overall line of their future moves in the cold war in European co-operation and Far Eastern developments, according to government officials today.

Leopold Offer Creates New Situation

Brussels, Apr. 16.—The Belgian Catholic Party's Executive today described King Leopold's broadcast offer last night to hand over his Royal prerogatives temporarily to his son as "contrary to the initiatives of the party," but it paid "homage to the high sentiments expressed in the King's message and to the sovereign's desire to reconcile the Belgian people."

The leading Catholic newspaper, *Libre Belgique*, reaffirmed its views that the provisionally exiled King's return to the throne must be "unconditional."

Catholic leaders interviewed by the newspaper were quoted as saying that they considered the King's offer to transfer his powers for the time being to his 19-year-old son, Prince Baudouin, as "unconstitutional."

The attitude of the main anti-Leopold party, the Socialists, was not expected to be known until tomorrow, when the party's Executive will meet to consider the new situation created by the King's offer.

According to anti-Leopold Brussels newspaper, *Le Soir*, Belgian Socialists would insist on a clarification of a number of points in the King's message, especially "those regarding the guarantee of the rights of the (anti-Leopold) minority."

According to reports from all parts of the country, every since Belgian radio appeared to have been tuned in to the King's recorded broadcast.

In the larger cities there were traffic jams as motorists with car radios pulled into the kerb to allow passers-by to listen.

SERETSE HOME AMID CHEERS

Serowe, Apr. 16.—Seretse Khama, exiled chief designate of the Bamangwato tribe, returned to his white wife for a short visit today amid the rousing cheers of his people.

As Seretse's car rolled into Serowe shortly after midnight, ending a 300-mile dash from Lobatse through the African bush, "Queen Ruth" ran out of their house and met him a quarter-mile down the road.

Photographers' bulbs lighted the path for Seretse's car, which went slowly through the town and then came to a stop in front of Ruth. Seretse bounded from his seat and embraced his wife, a former London typist. He took a handkerchief and wiped the tears from her cheeks and said, "Everything is going to be all right."

Later in the morning, the couple called on the District Commissioner, Mr. Forbes MacKenzie, and Seretse reported his arrival. All along the four-mile road from their bungalow, crowds gathered and whistled and chanted their greetings.

In front of MacKenzie's office, some held out their hands to touch Seretse and bowed to kiss the hem of Ruth's skirt.

Seretse was allowed to come here only on condition that peace was maintained. He plans to obtain documentary proof that his tribe wants him as their leader for the forthcoming hearing, in which he will appeal against the British Government's decision banning him from the Bamangwato reservation for five years.

This was the couple's first meeting since early this year, when he was called to London for consultations with government officials and was informed of his exile.—United Press.

The tentative agenda for the Big Three meeting is so comprehensive that weeks of negotiations of the Foreign Ministers would be required to cope with it. British suggestions alone were said to run to eight typed pages of foolscap, laying particular emphasis on Germany and the Far East.

The American Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, prior to the Big Three meeting, will discuss Franco-American problems with the French Foreign Minister, Robert Schuman, on May 7 or 8. This will be followed by bilateral talks with the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin.

The Big Three discussion will be followed by a meeting of the Atlantic Council composed of Foreign Ministers of the 12 Atlantic Pact member nations. Diplomatic exchanges on the agenda are in full progress. Officials indicated that the

proposals so far submitted promised to make the forthcoming meeting one of the most important of the postwar period and to involve "a very comprehensive review" of international policy and western co-operation. They did not anticipate immediate Three Power decisions.

The delegates who convene later this month will sift the agenda and tackle themselves those matters which do not warrant direct handling by the Foreign Ministers.

This procedure is expected to lighten the burden of the Ministers and allow them to delve into more intricate problems such as future relations with Soviet Russia.—United Press.

EX-MINER IS UK's LEADER IN SYDNEY

Government cannot spare top-level Minister

London, Apr. 16.—The outlook is not too good for the Commonwealth conference on aid to South-east Asia which begins in Sydney on May 10, diplomatic observers here said today.

For one thing, they pointed out, the hard pressed Labour government in Britain cannot spare a high-level Minister as its representative for it needs the vote of every minister.

Hence the leader of the Kingdom delegation is to be Labour Peer Lord Macdonald, who is virtually unknown to the British public. He is an ex-miner who went into public politics rising to be Governor General of Newfoundland. He holds a purely honorary post of pay-master in the present Government.

Another Macdonald, Co-leader with him will be Malcolm Macdonald, Commissioner General of Southeast Asia who will join the party from London at Singapore. Neither could sign any agreement without first consulting London.

Observers said both are right wing Labour politicians. The outstanding fact confronting this Commonwealth conference is the policies of the Western world have since the end of the war poured some \$6,250,000,000 into Asia and have little to show for it.

About a \$1,000,000,000 sunk in China represents in 1950 the colossal advertisement for the Chinese Communists. Another

While the conference is trying to guess how much more can be spent in South-east Asia, the American State Department is reported to be studying a scheme under which the entire Asian pattern is to be definitely fixed in American "master plan" in which Japan is to be converted into the workshop of the Pacific for the construction of industrial goods with other countries continuing to supply raw materials.

According to the report, the scheme provides for credit agreements among the Asiatic countries, largely under American direction and with the dollar as common currency.—United Press.

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Sold By The Bunch



Unstable economic trends and a general business depression force a dealer in Tokyo, Japan, to sell his neckties by their weight. The hard-pressed dealer let them go for about 14 cents a bunch, in American coins.



Last summer George Bernard Shaw, 93, entertained Sir Robert Hotung, 87, the Hongkong industrialist, at his Ayot St. Lawrence, Herts, home. Mr Shaw much admired Sir Robert's Chinese robes. Now he has one of his own. Sir Robert sent it recently from Kowloon.

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POINT FOUR WARNING

Delays Dangerous

Philadelphia, Apr. 16.—Dr. Alan Valentine, president of the University of Rochester, warned yesterday that President Truman's Point Four programme will become a "major failure" in American diplomacy unless it soon become a working reality.

Dr. Valentine told the annual meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences that "delays between proposal and performance" in the Point Four programme have brought great disappointments and "even terrors."

The Truman proposal raised excessive hopes. In countries to be aided "their ignorance gave them no realistic understanding of the slowness and difficulties of economic progress. Impatience and disappointment has led toward cynicism about American promises."

Dr. Valentine said the next step should be an "official statement of American policy and procedure under Point Four." Such statement must be sufficiently detailed to answer questions of procedure still under debate.—United Press.

To halt Communism in East Asia

TOKYO ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

Tokyo, Apr. 17.—The Tokyo economic conference for the Far East opens this morning with 23 American officials from Washington and Oriental capitals determined to hammer out aid and trade recommendations that will halt communism in East Asia.

Under the chairmanship of Mr. William J. Sebald, United States acting political adviser for Japan, the conferees will tackle an agenda that includes:

1. Import tariffs and controls.
2. Expansion of regional and inter-regional trade and overall economic development of Asiatic areas.
3. Problems involving currency exchange and ways and means to break convertibility bottlenecks.

A five-day agenda has been arranged to provide two days for general discussion in plenary sessions, one day of special committee meetings and two days of informal reports of committees to the final full session.

Japan's role in whatever recommendations the conference will make is expected to be large. Time permitting, the

delegates plan to visit manufacturing plants in the Tokyo area on the final day.

Like the Bangkok political conference, the Tokyo session will be secret with no members of the press allowed to attend. It opens at 9.15 a.m. local time in the chambers of the Allied Council for Japan.

Major-General E. M. Almond, SCAP Chief of Staff will welcome the delegates on behalf of General Douglas MacArthur, the Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Thomas C. Blaisdell, will deliver the opening address followed by Mr. C. Peter White, of the U.S. State Department's Office of North-east Asian Affairs.

During discussions, officials from sections of General MacArthur's Headquarters will take part in the talks and offer a number of specially prepared studies on subjects related to the conference.—United Press.

Nehru's Gift To U.S. Children

Washington, Apr. 16.—Two baby elephants, Ashok and Shanti, were presented to Washington Zoo today as a gift to the children of the United States from the Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru.

The elephants were handed over at a colourful ceremony by the Indian Ambassador, Mrs. Pandit.

Mr. Pandit, making the presentation, said, "These gift babies come here as messengers of goodwill, bringing the affectionate greetings of the children of India to the children of the United States."

"They also bring greetings from the Prime Minister who loves all children dearly. He is never so happy as when he is among them."—Reuter.

Australia Wants New Guinea

Sydney, Apr. 16.—Australia must, in all circumstances, remain in New Guinea, Mr. Percy Spender, the Minister for External Affairs, said today on his return from a tour of New Guinea and Papua.

If Australia did not remain and work in harmony with the natives, other nations would, he added, in a broadcast.

Mr. Spender said one native he had talked with told him he regarded Australia as his protector and motherland and wanted no other.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

A.K. "Hongkong Calling" Programme Summary: 6.30, Children's Hour. Conducted by Jack Hall. (Studio): 6.30, Portuguese Half Hour. (Studio): 7, London News. (Studio): 7.15, Melachro Orch. (BBCRS): 7.30, "Off the Record." Presented by Peter Pierce. (Studio): 8, World News and News Analysis. (London Relay): 8.15, "Like What I Like." By Peter Pierce. (Studio): 8.30, "From the Front." (London Relay): 9.10, Weather Report. 9.15, "Concerto." Mendelssohn's "Concerto for Violin and Orch." (London Relay): 9.40, "The Frodoch." A feature on Britain's Underwater Attack Force. Produced by Tom Wallgren. (BBCRS): 10, Interlude. 10.15, "Spanish Nights." Introduced by Betty. (Studio): 10.30, Dance to Radio News. (London Relay): 11, C. 515, Weather Report. World News and Home News from Britain. (Recorded Relay): God Save the King. 11.30, Close down.

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BRITISH BOXERS WANT TO GET BACK ON THE CHAMPIONS' ROLL

London, Apr. 16.—Less than a year ago British boxers held European Championships at four weights—Bruce Woodcock (heavy), Freddie Mills (light-heavy), Billy Thompson (light) and Rinty Monaghan (fly). Mills and Monaghan were also World Champions.

At the present time no British boxer appears among either the world or European list of Champions, though not all have been beaten for their titles.

Woodcock had his European Championship taken from him last year and Monaghan retired unbeaten World and European Flyweight Champion because of ill-health.

There is now intense eagerness among more than one man, and at more than one weight, to get his name on the Champions' roll, and some of their ambitions may be realised on the night of April 25.

Ezzard Charles May Never Fight Again

Ezzard Charles, negro holder of the American NBA Heavyweight Championship, may never fight again. Ordered to rest for two months with a bruised heart muscle, Charles faces another medical examination at the end of this period—and my information is that the doctors are likely to be "tough."

Colleague Frederick Cook, calling from New York, says that Charles' chances of returning to the ring in June depend on "complete rest."

HEART MURMUR

When Charles underwent routine examination in 1947, before he fought Elmer Ray, he was found to have a heart murmur. Doctors refused to pass him without an electrocardiograph. He passed that test and last to Ray over ten rounds at Madison Square Garden. Later, he knocked out Ray at Chicago.

It is believed there is no connection between the original heart condition and the present difficulty which is understood to arise from a rib injury.

Jersey Joe Walcott, who has three times failed to win the world title in the ring—beaten twice by Joe Louis, once by Charles—has now put in another claim.

In a telegram to Abe Greene, NBA Commissioner, he demanded: "With both Louis and Charles out of the picture, who else is there to claim it?"

Bill Daly, manager of Lee Savold, had an answer for him. "The title will be decided in London on June 6 when Savold meets Bruce Woodcock," he said.

WALCOTT MAY COME

Savold is now training in New Jersey, and leaves for London this month. Walcott is travelling too. He is hoping to fight the German heavyweight, Hein Ten Hoff, at Mannheim on May 7, and may look in on London.

Another claimant to the world title is Freddie Beshore, whom Charles was to have fought till the doctors said no.

As yet the New York Commissioner has not recognized any successor to Louis. Charles remains NBA Champion, pending his recovery or retirement.

—BRUCE HARRIS

(London Express Service)

"HAP" SWINGS OUT



A.B. ("Happy") Chanler warms up for the qualifying round of the National Baseball Players' Golf Tournament at a country club in Miami, Florida.

FAST AND FURIOUS



Danny O'Sullivan, the British Bantamweight Champion, rushes in and the Frenchman, Francis Bonnardel, on the ropes, tries all he knows to hold him off, in the fight at Albert Hall. O'Sullivan won on points.

Nat Fleischer Accepts Offer

Burbank, California, Apr. 16.—Nat Fleischer, editor of The Ring magazine, said here today he had accepted an offer to act as one of the Judges for the World Bantamweight title fight in Johannesburg on May 20.

The bout is between Manuel Ortiz, the Mexican-born holder, and Vic Towel, the Empire and South African Champion.

Mr. Fleischer said that originally he had been asked by the Johannesburg promoters to referee the bout, but had declined because of his health.

He will complete their training and remain until the day of the fight.

Both are very confident that the South Coast zone will put the finishing touches to their condition and so make them worthy contenders against Pratesi and Romero.—Reuter.

ON THE RECORD HIGHLIGHTS IN THE WEEK-END'S SPORT

The visiting Korean football team proved over the week-end that it is improving. In the first match, it was a 2-1 win over the local team. In the second match, it was a 1-0 win over the local team. The team is now our superior.

Before capacity crowds that saw Hongkong putting up two good shows on two successive days, the Colony went down 3-0 and 1-3. In the second game, Hongkong was luckless; but it is past the time when we should blame it on luck. We were good, they were better.

A feature about the whole show was that all of Korea's team did not seem to consist of one all, he-spectated, centre-forward. The team was full of star players. Whom did Hongkong lack? Was it Tennant?

The Land Forces Athletic Championships were held on Saturday at Soekunpoo with nearly every record in the book beaten in a competition involving the shining athletic lights of one of the biggest and best of the Colony.

In the circumstances, it was disappointing to see the standards not very much higher than they have ever been. There wasn't a mark set, with the exception of—and I am not too sure about these either—the Long Jump and Hop, Step and Jump—that could claim to be local Army records.

Five feet seven inches in the High Jump, or even the 5 feet 8 inches that was done outside the competition proper, I have seen beaten by at least three Army jumpers since 1937.

The Hancock Shield match at Cox's Road ended in a draw and proved that even given all the time in the world in which to score, Hongkong cricketers have by now quite made up their mind that this Colony's cricket grounds must be regarded as a reserve for wicket-devouring bowlers, by no means an extinct breed here.

Maximum score by any batsman with two turns at the wicket was N. R. Oliver's 63 (6 and 57), with H. Owen Hughes not far behind with 59 (31 and 28 not out) and Noel Arthy 54 (10 and 44).

Len Stokes could only manage 14 and 14 and Laurie Kilbee, the only batsman to have ever scored a century in the Hancock Shield, was satisfied with 0 and 6.

Matches between the Palestine Cup tennis players and local champions which were postponed yesterday afternoon because of rain will be held from 5 p.m. to-day at the Chinese Recreation Club.

Alan is due to meet Taul Walpus, Ahmed will play Is Koon-rung, and Ahmed and Taul Walpus will meet Ip and Edwin Taul in the doubles.

*Inquiries, however, reveal that there is no foundation whatsoever to the story that wider bats will be tried experimentally in the Second Division next season.

RECORDED.

BOXING AT ALBERT HALL Leading Ex-Amateurs Failed To Impress SAYS ARCHIE QUICK

It was a poor night at the Albert Hall for leading ex-amateurs who hope to become professional champions. Don Scott, the Empire Games Cruiserweight Champion, who also got to the 1948 Olympic Final for instance, lost his first paid fight and Charlie Tucker, whom you will remember as the brilliant RAF featherweight who was always contesting Peter Brander's right in the Amateur Championship, was beaten in his second professional contest by Jimmy Murray of Dublin, who once beat him as an amateur.

If these were setbacks to our hopes for an improvement in the standard of professional boxing, we were at least compensated by the scintillating display of Danny O'Sullivan, who although only a bantam conceded 4 lbs. to the French featherweight champion and gave him a beating. O'Sullivan is ready at any time to take the world title from Manuel Ortiz and even has a chance for Willie Pep's feather crown.

HARD PUNCHING

We were also given an exhibition of hard two-handed punching by Algar Smith, still unbeaten as a professional lightweight. He disposed of Hugh Smith from Sunderland in four rounds; and looks to me to be a certain champion one day at a heavier weight, possibly welter.

So far as the lightweight position is concerned as the top of the tree we had a poor fight between Tommy McGovern, who won on points, and Peter Fallon, the disappointing Liverpools man who gave up the featherweight title because of increasing weight.

They met in the final eliminator to decide who should meet Billy Thompson, but the reigning Champion said to me afterwards: "I am far from being in the form that won me the title but I think I could beat either of them on tonight's showing."

"I agree, but still take McGovern to win although he has lost some of the promise which made Joe Louis say when McGovern to him: 'Here is a future World Champion.'"

Scots May Yet Compete For The World Cup

Glasgow, Apr. 16.—Scotland may after all send their soccer team to Brazil for the World Cup finals this summer, despite their defeat by England yesterday, which lost them the British Championship.

The Scottish Football Association had stated that they would make the trip only as the British Champions. Now the Scottish FA Executive Committee, which has a meeting on Wednesday, is to consider a special invitation from the Brazil Football Association received before yesterday's match at Hampden Park.

This urged Scotland to contest the World Cup finals whether they were beaten by England or not.

It is understood that some of the Committee, including Mr. John Lamb, the Scottish FA President, favour sending a Scottish team for the majority of Scottish football followers seem to feel that their country should be represented in the finals.—Reuter.

SHOWPIECE OF SOCCER:

New Belhurst Park Stadium To Rival Wembley?

London, Apr. 16.—Wembley Stadium, London's showpiece of soccer, may be seriously rivalled if a scheme to reconstruct the present Crystal Palace football ground at Belhurst Park, South-East London, materialises.

Plans involve the expenditure of nearly half a million sterling to make this well situated ground the biggest in England, with a capacity of 120,000, more than Wembley, which takes just under 100,000.

Banked on all four sides by roads, Crystal Palace has the advantage of a vast crowd quickly clearing and there is little doubt that if the project goes through many representative games will be staged there.

Provisional plans, which have yet to be approved by the Crystal Palace Council, cater for double-decker stands on three sides of the ground. The present stand would be pulled down and open terraces would be substituted to enable the sun and air to get to the pitch and ensure good turf.

Belhurst Park has always been the object of much speculation by sports-minded businessmen. Recently seven Crystal Palace businessmen each bought 1,000 shares in the Football Club from the Chairman, Mr. Percy Harper.

First Object

Their first object is to put the club on a firm financial basis and try to gain promotion for the Third Division side. They are all very big businessmen, with considerable resources behind them, so that there will be no lack of money to carry out the objectives.

Their first division goal may not be so very far off for the club has shown considerable improvement since last season, when they were in the throes of relegation.

Under the leadership of the former Arsenal player, Ronnie Rooke, now the player-manager, Palace are safely entrenched.

Arthur Peall says:—

TOO MUCH CHALK CAN ALSO RUIN SHOTS

EVERY billiard player knows the break-ending consequences of a stroke when the cue-ball "kicks" the ball in off from the hand, but a bad kick can ruin a shot. A cue-ball that is too far from the hand, but a bad kick can ruin a shot. A cue-ball that is too far from the hand, but a bad kick can ruin a shot.

Second place went to Count Luigi Villorosi, of Italy, driving a Ferrari. His time was 3 hrs. 11 mins. 0-2/5 sec. Villorosi had the fastest lap time.

Another Argentine driver, J. Plan, in a Maserati, was third. This was Fangio's second major success of the season as he won the Grand Prix of Pau in France last week, driving a Maserati.

Despite the conditions a huge crowd watched the race.—Reuter.

conceded in the top half of the Third Division. Southern, table.

The chairman of the Board of Directors adopts the view that once the club is in the First Division support will come and there will be no difficulty in maintaining large attendances to warrant the expenditure.—Reuter.

Gussie Moran Wins Title

Nice, Apr. 16.—Miss "Gussie" Moran, the United States lawn tennis star, today won the Women's Singles event in the Nice International Tournament.

In the final she overwhelmed her French opponent, Miss Josette Amouretti, by 6-0, and 6-0.

Budge Patty, of Los Angeles, won the all-American Men's Singles final, beating Tony Trabert, 19-year-old Cincinnati University student, by 6-2 and 8-4.—Reuter.

EASY FOR SIDWELL

Rome, Apr. 16.—Australia's Bill Sidwell was the only seeded player engaged when the Italian International Lawn Tennis Championships opened here today.

He beat Manuel Buaykela (Spain) by 6-1 and 6-0. Sidwell is seeded No. 3 behind Jaroslav Drobny, the self-proclaimed Czech, and Billy Talbert, of the United States.—Reuter.

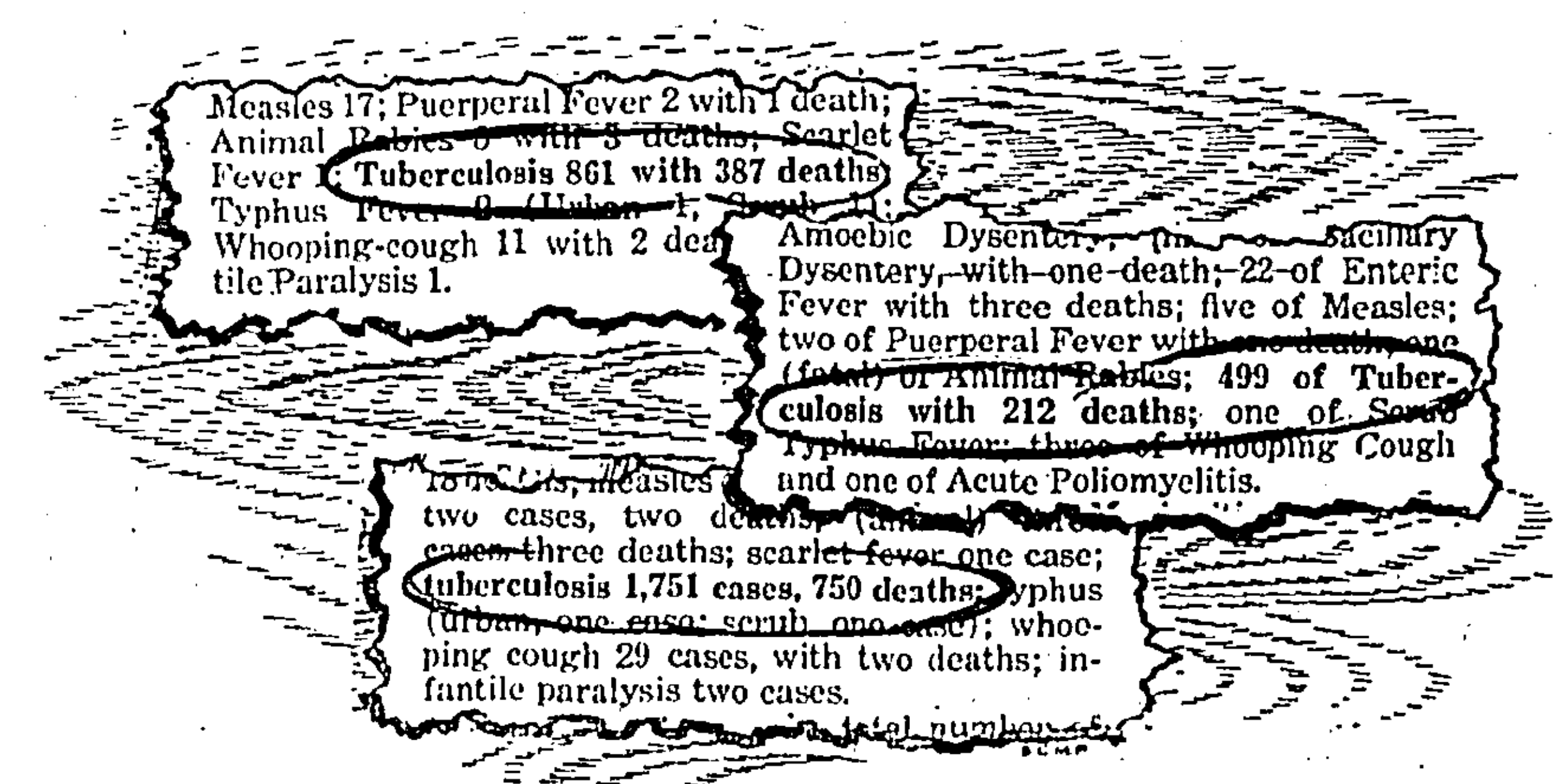
London Beats Paris 8-3 At Rugby

Paris, Apr. 16.—London beat Paris by eight points to three in the annual inter-city Rugby Union match played today at the Jean Boulin Stadium. London led 5-0 at half-time. It was the 20th match of the series. London has now won 11, Paris 8, with one game drawn.—Reuter.

An Appeal for Your Help

In order to wage a ceaseless and effective campaign against the ravages of tuberculosis which exact such a terrible toll of human life in Hongkong, an Appeal is being launched to every section of the community. The sadness and suffering which result from this scourge need no emphasis. The grim picture is vividly revealed in tragic statistics. The Reports of the Hongkong Medical Department which appear in the Press with almost monotonous regularity, provide the picture and the story.

Here are three scraps of paper torn out at random:—



The Hongkong Anti-Tuberculosis Association is striving to carry on its work without interruption, and has already brought relief and hope to many homes. The extent of the activities of the Association can only be measured by the degree of generous and sympathetic support from all races; all creeds; and all conditions of the people of this Colony. No contribution is too small. No contribution can be too large. They will be received by The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation; The Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd. The South China Morning Post; The China Mail; The Wah Kiu Yat Po. Cheques should be crossed—"Hongkong Anti-Tuberculosis Association."

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Tournament—Both vul.
No bidding 10

By WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

I AM not giving you any bidding in today's hand because I want you to discuss the bidding yourselves. There were nine pairs who played the hand. One pair bid and made seven hearts. Six pairs bid six hearts. One pair only got to five hearts and the other pair, believe it or not, doubled the opponents at two spades.

The pair who bid and made seven hearts got a small trump opening by West. The trick was won by the declarer with the queen, after East dropped the jack. Declarer took two rounds of trump and then cashed the king of diamonds.

A small diamond was played and the jack finessed. After all declarer did not have much choice as his contract was to make seven. When it held he claimed the balance of the tricks.

Of the six pairs who bid six hearts, four of them went down. Most of them made the following mistake: They won the opening heart lead with the queen and led a small club to the ten-spot.

East won it with the queen and returned a small trump, which the declarer won with the king. He cashed the ace of clubs and led a small club, which West ruffed with the nine-spot.

The two pairs who bid and made six hearts got a spade opening, which was won in dummy with the queen. The ten of clubs was led, East spilt his honours and declarer won the trick with the ace. Declarer now took three rounds of trump.

He went over to dummy with the ace of diamonds and cashed the ace-king of spades, discarding a club and a diamond. Declarer then led a small club, which East won with the king and declarer's jack of clubs was good for the needed 12th trick.

Some of the experts, in discussing the hand, agreed that with a trump lead declarer should take three rounds of trump, then play the ace and king of diamonds and lead a small diamond to the jack. West, in this case, has to win the trick with the queen.

However, if West plays a low diamond the jack must be played from dummy. If East wins with the queen, the fourth diamond will be good for a valuable discard of a club.

Now the next time you play a slam contract just remember that even the best of players slips up.

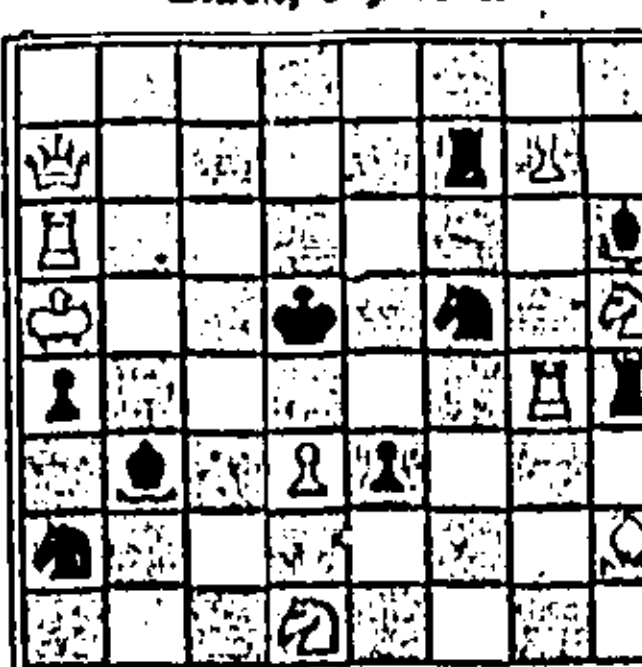
Check Your Knowledge

1. Name the measurement used for electric current.
2. Where is the largest known anthracite region?
3. What is Smorgashbord?
4. Does dew fall?
5. Who wrote the Waverley Novels?
6. What River is called "Old Man"?

(Answers on Page 8)

CHESS PROBLEM

By ARTHUR A. PAUL
Black, 9 pieces.



White, 9 pieces.
White to play and mate in two.

Solution to Saturday's problem:

1. Q-Q2, any; 2. Q, or R (ch, or dis ch) mates.

DUMB BELLS

THE ROOF IS SO BAD EVERY TIME IT RAINS THE WATER DRIPS ON MY HEAD. HOW LONG IS THIS TO CONTINUE?



YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

MONDAY, APRIL 17

If you are born today, you have a tremendous amount of physical energy but it is accompanied by a mental restlessness that can become your worst enemy unless you get it under control early in life. The stars have given you outstanding talent. It is up to you to discover it and concentrate on perfecting it. Only in this fashion may you achieve fame and outstanding success. If you scatter your interests, your only success will be a competent mediocrity—a condition under which your spirit will fret and fume. Your words are many and at times you are quite unpredictable. One instant you are gay, communicative and what is known as a "good fellow." At other times you are withdrawn, melancholy and touchy. Guard

against these peaks and valleys of emotion or your life will be doubly difficult. You will discover that health has considerable to do with your temper. When you are robust, the world looks a jolly place. But if you are nervous and strained, then you are irritable and a deep-seated pessimist. Correct your living habits. You never are satisfied with less than the best. This goes for your emotional life, as well, and happiness is indicated only if you select someone whose cultural tastes and intellect are at least equal to your own. To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be our daily guide.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Good influences in our life if you pay close attention to business matters. Be thrifty in expenditures.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Success beckons. It is your own fault if you are not thoroughly alert to new exciting opportunities.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Improve your personal outlook. Affairs at home are of the utmost importance. Pay attention to detail.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Start a new project and get moving in the right direction. Be progressive for good results.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—A fine day for job hunting. You should find exactly what you want now if you persevere.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Production is what counts today. A new contract is pending, you could sign it successfully.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Your ambitions can be fulfilled now if you are alert to opportunity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Be co-operative in projecting a new idea and you should be able to get it into production now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Domestic conditions may be improved and might be combined successfully with some business project.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—A fine day for taking care of important personal matters. See that real ambition is fulfilled.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—All merchandising is favoured. Make a profit now, if there is one to be made. You can prosper.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Careful study and attention to detail can bring unexpected success in your major field just now.

INTELLIGENCE TEST

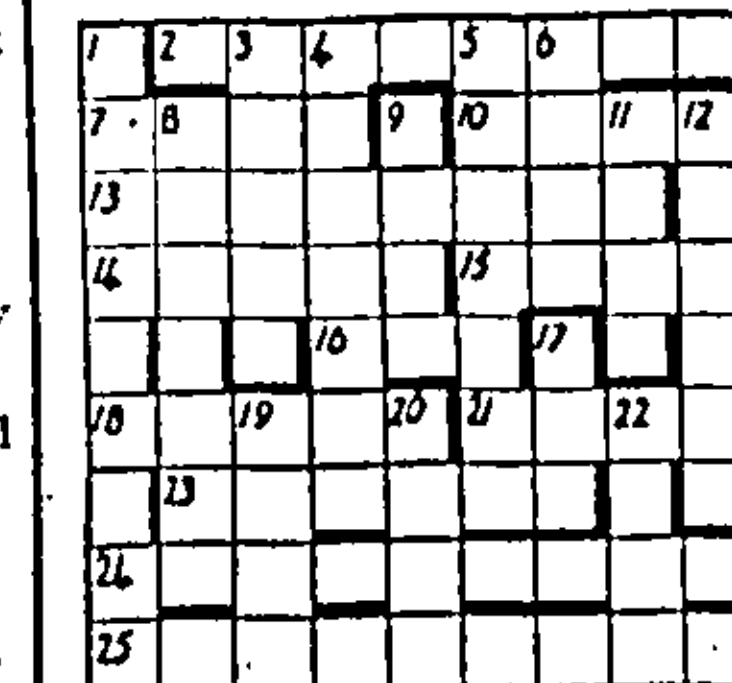
PENSIONS

by T. O. HARE

Kindergarten Ltd. (manufacturers of confectionery) has a non-competitive superannuation scheme for their staff. Each employee's pension depends on the age of his retirement. He becomes eligible at the age of 50, but can go on working until he is 60. The amount of pension is calculated by a formula. Here are some examples of its working. An employee retiring at 50 gets £25 a year. If he retires at 60, he gets £31 10s a year. £25 a year is a pension of £500 a year. What would his pension have amounted to had he waited another year?

(Solution on Page 8)

CROSSWORD



- Across
1. A remedy for blood-poisoning.
 2. Burely this O.T. character could have been made to trial.
 3. May be served in clubs, stellas and glasses.
 4. Nothing special in the way of clues.
 5. Alive.
 6. The boy of the Bible.
 7. Here is where you get down.
 8. Footwear.
 9. Embroider.
 10. A writing in wax that made the 20th stops.
 11. Withdraw.

- Down
1. Flowing language about King Cole, but why not Queen Cole?
 2. It's at the bottom.
 3. The danger a crowd becomes the more it will stir.
 4. Nothing can be more expensive.
 5. Man-eating beast of nursery days.
 6. A clue this is learned.
 7. Most pens and many wells.
 8. Long domesticated East Indian.
 9. A corn leader makes the rest O.K.
 10. Extremity that is often stubbed.
 11. Sounds a quick moving river.
 12. Outstanding garment.

AROUND THE WORLD

Napoleon's Birthplace Has Smelly Streets

By TEMPLE MANNING

THE devotees of the life and history of Napoleon Bonaparte are many. But we wonder how many of them would be willing to put up with the somewhat primitive creature comforts on the island of Corsica, in order to get the feel of the place where their hero was born. We can remember well the



Old section of Ajaccio, Corsica.

running around like crazy wondering how they were going to lodge and feed the visitors. For years now there has been talk of erecting a really de luxe hotel with all the creature comforts. The talk is being revived again. But we do think that the help will have to come from France or Italy. For the Corsicans, despite his many virtues, certainly is no hotel keeper. Which seems a pity when one realises how popular this Mediterranean island between France and Italy has been through the years.

The island is lovely, full of colour and scenic delights. The capital, Ajaccio, is set on the north shore of one of the most beautiful bays in the world. The town is a real gem, even finer than the Bay of Naples. Certainly the mountain backdrop is grander, with mountains rising from the town to the sea. The bay is the bay to the far-off, snow-capped giants such as Monte D'Oro, eight thousand feet above sea level.

The town itself has charm, but it is not particularly beautiful. Its high, plain buildings are in three shades of soft blues and pale yellow, spiced with sun-baked green shutters. Seen from the water-front, the picture is charming, especially when reflected in the calm blue water of the magnificent harbour. The streets, save for the two or three main ones, such as the Cours Napoleon and the Boulevard Grandval, are narrow, and irregular in form, line and pavement. And they are smelly, too; unpleasantly so. (Tomorrow—Scientist Work)

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

ONCE more the time comes round to tell the story of the man who went to a circus. He saw a booth advertising a remarkable dwarf, paid his money, and went in. He came out shortly afterwards in a towering rage, and sent for the showman.

"What's the meaning of this?" he shouted. "I pay my money to see what you call a dwarf, and what do I see? A perfectly ordinary fellow, as big as I am. It is the tallest dwarf in Europe, sir," replied the showman deferentially.

Differences of opinion

A CONFERENCE to decide on the music for Hogwasch's film of the Odyssey ("I Was A Wanderer") produced the usual crop of good suggestions. Dozo Frod wanted to engage Jose Turbil to play the overture to "Lohen-grin." Hogwasch himself favoured three verses and a chorus of Bach's Hungarian Rhapsody. Tony Thalasra suggested old English folk music. Buddy Bockenweiner wanted a special theme song for bagpipes, to be played all the time. Jack Skelkinn, who plumped for Zyklo Zoraster and his Hot-Time Yachting Kids was ruled out of order.

Venus in the Ascendant (V)

"HONOURED Shm-Hul," said Dingli-Poos. "I will give you five tinsuls for your baby yak."

"Fair lady," replied Egham, in the Chazli dialect. "Pray accept the miserable beast as a merchant's tribute to your beauty."

"Merchant my foot!" roared the radiant aristocrat with great vigour. "Do you think I am taken in by the walnut-julee on your dear old face?" "I understand not those strange words, lady," replied Egham. "I am Shm-Hul from Bindapur."

"Then I am a Mrs Boddle of London," answered Dingli-Poos, not without reason.

Egham saw that the game was up already. "You win," he said curiously.

"I always win," vouchsafed the exasperated hoyden. "Now tell me what you are doing here."

And she motioned him to her side. With a sign the warrior sat down on a luxurious upholstered stool, and from habit began to fondle her ear. "That's better," whispered the provoking siren.

(London Express Service)

Russia forming a rouble bloc in the East?

London, Apr. 16.—The Soviet Communist Party organ, *Pravda*, quoted by Moscow Radio, said today that the revaluation of the rouble last February and its placing on a gold basis had made economic relations between Russia and East European States "still more stable."

Some London observers saw in the *Pravda* statement the first official Soviet hint that a "rouble bloc" had been or was being formed. The exchange of goods between the countries of the Socialist camp is conducted on the basis of fair, fixed prices, said *Pravda*. "The People's Democracies have been permanently shielded from the influence of economic crisis, from the instability of current changes and devaluation."

TRADE INCREASE

Pravda said that one of the tasks of the Council of Economic Mutual Assistance (Eastern Europe's "Marshall Plan"), formed in January, 1949, was the study and implementation of methods of economic co-operation which would add the planned Socialist development of the People's Democracies.

Trade with the Soviet Union, it added, was one of the most important factors in the industrialisation of these States, and this trade had showed a still further increase in 1950.

Ministry of Cotton in USSR

Washington, Apr. 16.—The Agriculture Department said on Sunday that the recent creation of a separate Soviet Ministry of Cotton Growing reflects the all-out Soviet effort to raise cotton production to the point where it can supply the satellite cotton industries.

The Department said that these industries traditionally imported about 1,300,000 bales about 600,000 bales from the United States.

It said that the Soviet detachment of the cotton ministry from the Agriculture Ministry and the installation of a regional party official at its head, presents a contrast to the general trend towards centralisation in the Soviet Government. — United Press.

Cotton goods prices sagging

New York, Apr. 15.—The Worth Street market for lightweight cotton goods, after a month or more of slowly sagging prices, developed signs of levelling off this week.

Observers based this view on the gradual abatement of cheaper-priced real offerings and the adoption of curtailment measures by some mills, a step expected to tighten further the supply situation in the near future. Inquiries from mail and chain store outlets for brandcloths furnished another cheerful sign, although some quarters remained unconvinced over the permanency of the improvement. At cotton mill level, executives estimated that the elimination of Saturday work and the change from a three to a two-shift basis, expected to be maintained until the autumn, will cut output on some constructions by around 15 percent. The effect of the curtailment is becoming apparent in the print cloth yarn group. — United Press.

FUTURES MARKET

New York, Apr. 15.—Cotton futures today moved lower in company with the weak under-tone in grain. After a fairly steady start, prices came under pressure to close a point higher to 10 points lower than the preceding week, as follows: (In cents per lb.)

May	32.50
July	32.75
October	32.80
December	32.85
March (1951)	32.90
May	32.95
July	33.00
October	33.05
December	33.10
March (1951)	33.15

SPOT: 32.50 nominal. — United Press.

At New Orleans

Closing prices on the cotton futures market at New Orleans yesterday were: (In cents per lb.)

May	32.10
July	32.40
October	32.50
December	32.60
March (1951)	32.70
May	32.80
July	32.90
October	33.00
December	33.10
March (1951)	33.20

SPOT: 32.50 nominal. — United Press.

HONGKONG SHARES

Transactions at the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning were worth \$50,542.30.

NOON QUOTATIONS WERE:	
SHARES BUYERS' BILLING SALES	
East Asia	104
Union	563 500 20 @ 57 1/2
DOCKERS, ETC.	
K. Wharf	11 1/2 200 @ 90
Shai Dock	11 1/2
LAND, ETC.	
HK Land	2 20
Shai Land	4 1/2
Humbleys	1 1/2
UTILITIES	
Central	100 @ 12.70
C. Light (70)	8 1/2 233 @ 8.10
Electric	27
Telephone	27
INDUSTRIALS	
Central	11.50
STONES, ETC.	
Dairy	20 1/2
Watson	24 25 1/2 200 @ 24.50
C. Crawford	2 1/2 100 @ 24.25
COTTON	
Two	2.00
Asia Nav.	70c 25,000 @ 70c

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates: Sterling pound note (per £) 15.42. New dollars (per \$1) 6.1375. HK dollars (per 100) 49.5. Siam bahts (per 100) 24.50. Singapore (Straits) 11.17. ETC. bahts (per 100) 11.20.

British Cars Big Success

New York, Apr. 16.—Large crowds visited the British motor show at the Grand Central Palace here today, besieging salesmen with inquiries. Fine weather helped to augment the continual stream of visitors, which poured through the turnstiles throughout the day.

Fifteen thousand saw the show on the opening day yesterday.

Mr Alfred Sloane, Chairman of the Board of General Motors Corporation, the largest manufacturer of motorcars in the United States, said that in his opinion the demand for British cars in this country would exceed their expectations, especially in urban areas.

He said that traffic conditions in cities and towns were rapidly increasing the popularity of smaller cars. The British target is to sell 50,000 cars a year in America. — Reuter.

CHICAGO GRAIN PRICES LOWER

New York, April 15.—Grain prices today generally finished lower on selling, reflecting predictions for unsettled weather in the winter wheat belt during the week-end.

Prices closed as follows: — United Press.

WHEAT—price	2.20
SPOT	2.20
May	2.24 1/2
July	2.26 1/2
September	2.26 1/2
December	2.26 1/2
WHEAT	
SPOT	1.43 1/2
May	1.37 1/2
July	1.37 1/2
September	1.37 1/2
December	1.37 1/2
WHEAT	
SPOT	1.31 1/2
May	1.31 1/2
July	1.31 1/2
September	1.31 1/2
December	1.31 1/2
WHEAT	
SPOT	77 1/2
May	77 1/2
July	77 1/2
September	77 1/2
December	77 1/2

OUTWARD MAILS

Unregistered letters and printed matters for China mainland and elsewhere are accepted at sender's risk and will be forwarded as opportunities arise. Registered letters, parcels and other articles (by air or sea) are accepted at sender's risk and will be forwarded as opportunities arise. Registered letters, parcels and other articles (by air or sea) are accepted at sender's risk and will be forwarded as opportunities arise.

Monday, April 17, Closing Times By Air

Hongkong, Calcutta, Karachi, Bombay, Madras, Ceylon, Rangoon, Singapore, Java, Sumatra, Borneo, Philippines, etc. Closing Times By Sea

Tuesday, April 18, Closing Times By Air

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Teddy Wrote Hanid a Letter

—It Was Very Short But It Said a Lot—

By MAX TRELL

TEDDY, the Stuffed Bear, said to everyone else in the playroom: "How do you write a letter?"

Mary-Jane, the rag doll, thought for a minute. "It all depends on what kind of a letter you want to write, Teddy."

"That's right," said Mr Punch. "Suppose you want to write a party and you wanted to write a letter of thanks. That would be one kind of a letter."

"And suppose," added General Tin, the tin soldier, "you wanted to write a friend of yours inviting him to come to your party. That would be another kind of letter."

"There are lots and lots of different kinds of letters," Knarf said.

"Yes," said Teddy, "but how do you write them?"

"First," said Mr Punch, "you get some paper and a pen and an envelope and a stamp. Then you're ready to begin."

"Then," said General Tin, "you write the date at the top of the letter. You don't," he added, "just write down Tuesday or Wednesday or Thursday — or whatever other day of the week it is — but you write down the whole date, like April 15, 1950."

"Why do you have to do that?" asked Teddy.

"So that whoever is reading your letter will know just when you wrote it. You see, Teddy, there's a Tuesday and Wednesday in every week. But there's only one April 15, 1950 in all the world."

"Then," said Hanid, "you start writing your letter. Now suppose —"

"Suppose," interrupted Teddy, "I wanted to thank you for inviting me to your party. How would I write it?"

"Just like this," said Hanid. April 15, 1950

Dear Hanid,
Your happy friend,
Teddy

Everyone in the playroom looked at Teddy in surprise. Then they all laughed. "I think," said Hanid, "that Teddy knows more about letter-writing than he told us."

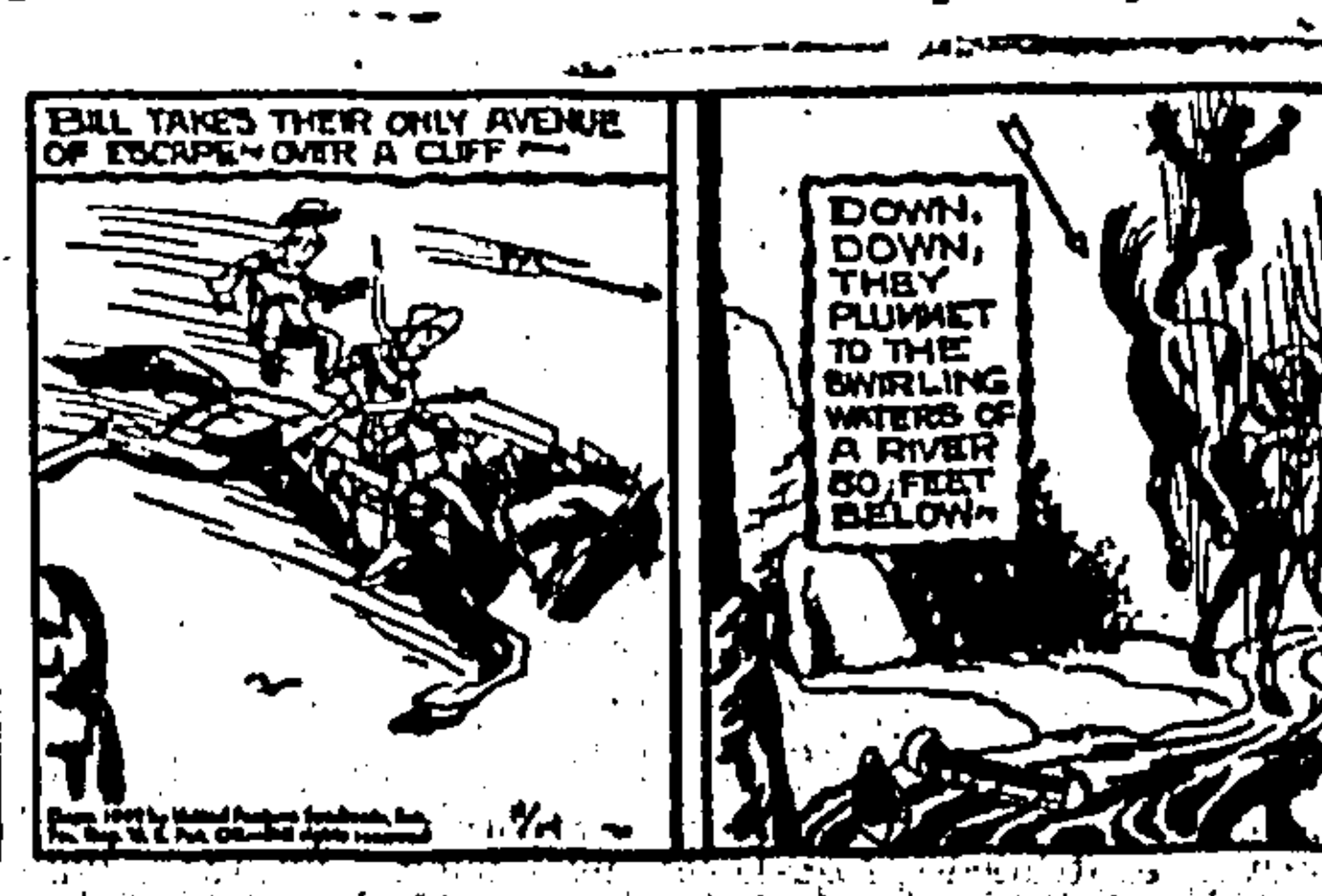
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Adenauer Presses For Unity

Berlin, Apr. 16.—The West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, arrived in Berlin by air today to press for unification of Germany through free elections through all Germany.

In an apparent attempt to counteract the propaganda value of Dr. Adenauer's demand, the East German President, Wilhelm Pieck, also called for an all-German plebiscite to unify this split nation.

Dr. Adenauer made it clear on his arrival that his trip also was intended to tighten ties between the Western sectors of Berlin and the Federal Republic, even though West Berlin is not part of the Republic.

He said at the airport, "I feel as much at home in Berlin as in any town in the West German Federal Republic."

Thousands of Berliners gathered before the United States Air Force's Tempelhof airport and along the streets leading to it to greet the Chancellor on his first trip to Berlin.

Before leaving for Moscow today, Mr. Pieck had said German unity could be re-established through an all-German plebiscite, conclusion of a democratic peace treaty and withdrawal of the occupation troops.

His statement, published in the Tagesspiegel, official East German newspaper, was seen as a Soviet attempt to counter the appeal for unity which Dr. Adenauer was said to be ready to deliver during his three-day visit.

BERLIN'S FUTURE

Dr. Adenauer was greeted at the airport by the Mayor of West Berlin, Ernst Reuter, the City Assembly Speaker, Otto Suhr, the deputy Mayor, Louise Schroeder, and other officials. He was accompanied by the Minister of Economics, Minister Erhard, the Foreign Minister, Dr. Theodor Heuss, and the Minister for All-German Affairs, Jacob Kaiser.

His arrival touched off new speculation that Berlin might be admitted to the Bonn Republic as the 12th state. This feeling persists in some responsible political quarters despite official denials from the British Foreign Office of any change in Allied policy. It was believed the United States was strongly supporting Berlin's incorporation into the Federal Republic, and was bringing pressure to bear in Britain and France.—United Press.

MADE DOCTOR OF LETTERS

New Delhi, Apr. 16.—President Rajendra Prasad of India conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters here today on India's former Chief Justice, 72-year-old Sir Maurice Gwyer for 12 years Vice-Chancellor of Delhi University.

Dr. Prasad, presiding as Chancellor at a special University convocation, described Sir Maurice as "the maker of Delhi University" and declared that India would always cherish his services as an educationalist, an administrator and a constitutional lawyer.

Sir Maurice, who retired from the Vice-Chancellorship last week, left by air today for Britain after 18 years in India. He was the first Chief Justice of the Indian Federal Court from 1937 to 1943.—Reuter.

MINORITIES AGREEMENT

Jammu, Apr. 16.—The Kashmir Premier, Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah, said tonight that the Nehru-Liaquat Ali Khan agreement on minorities and Indo-Pakistan relations would "swing to strengthen the hands of the progressive forces in the sub-continent."

Sheikh Abdullah told a special convention of a national conference called to discuss the "Kashmir situation," that the agreement further strengthened Kashmir's faith in the moral superiority of secularism.

"No communal organisation would be allowed to flourish in Kashmir and efforts to disturb communal harmony there will fail," he declared.—Reuter.

Gorgeous Gussie Ribbed



Students of Chelsea Polytechnic, in London, watch as three robots poke fun at tennis star "Gorgeous Gussie" Moran whose well-publicised lace panties are being featured here. The robots were participating in a procession for the benefit of the Playing Fields Association while, in another part of the world, Gussie was named the best-dressed woman in sports.

MIDDLE EAST SECURITY SYSTEM TO AUGMENT ATLANTIC PACT WANTED

London, Apr. 16.—The establishment of a Middle Eastern security system as the counterpart to the Atlantic Pact is one of the proposals of the Royal Institute of International Affairs' latest publication, on United Kingdom policy.

PROPAGANDA —PEKING PATTERN

San Francisco, Apr. 16.—One of the chief Communist propagandists in China today declared that the "American plot to turn China into an anti-Soviet base" has been defeated.

At the same time, he hit the British and Dutch Governments' "obstruction of peace."

Liu Kang-yi, Vice-President of the All-China Federation of Labour, made the remarks in a special article published in the Peking People's Daily News and broadcast by Peking Radio.

The article helped to inaugurate a new "peace page" which will be published once monthly, devoted to furthering world peace.

Liu said that two world conferences which were convened in Peking a few months ago—the Asian-Australasian Trade Union conference and the Asian Women's Conference—"will be of great significance in furthering the development of the national liberation movement throughout the East and will also serve as a more powerful guarantee to world peace movement."

He said that despite American, British and Dutch machinations the "two great peoples of China and the Soviet Union—700,000,000 strong—are sincerely united and co-operating."—United Press.

Another Arrest In Palermo

Palermo, Apr. 16.—The police arrested another of the innumerable lieutenants of the bandit Salvatore Giuliano, last night. He was Francesco Monreale, 35, wanted for 24 robberies, 28 extortions, four attacks against police forces with firearms and a score of kidnappings.—United Press.

British Jews Protest

London, Apr. 16.—The Board of Deputies of British Jews today protested against the supply of arms to the Arab countries, which, it said, was aggravating tension in the Middle East.

The Board stated that it views "with deep concern the increasing tension and the threat to peace in the Middle East, aggravated by the supply of arms by the British Government to Arab States without making such supply dependent on their full co-operation in the conclusion of peace, and despite their openly expressed intention to renew a campaign of aggression against Israel."

The Board urges the Government "to reconsider its policy in a spirit of fairness to Israel, which has shown itself ready to negotiate peace with the neighbouring Arab States, in the paramount desire to solve the weighty and pressing problems with which the young State is urgently confronted."—Reuter.

Jap Family's Suicide

Fukuoka, Japan, Apr. 16.—It was reported today that a 35-year-old Japanese mother tied four of her children aged from five to 13 to herself with a rope, plunged into the sea and all drowned.

A note found on the mother said she committed suicide because of economic difficulties and illness of her husband who has been repeatedly from Sakhalin.—United Press.

Maj.-Gen. Sir Ian Jacob, Military Assistant to the Secretary of War, said today that since "conventional all-out war is a possibility," Middle Eastern bases "might be necessary for offensive operations." He suggested "new and better arrangements for the future" and listed the following main lines of action:

1. Full support to Turkey to enable her at least to maintain her neutrality.
2. The presence in the Middle East of sufficient American and Commonwealth forces to back up the combined strength of the Middle Eastern states and to act as a strong deterrent to any Russian move in that direction.
3. Well-organised administrative and operational bases from which the combined forces could co-operate and be supplied.
4. Insistence on "round disbursement" of the former Italian colonies.
5. Russian influence in all shapes and forms to be kept out of Africa.

General Jacob argued that the emergence of Africa as an area of great strategic value had added new importance to the West's interest in the Middle East.

He said that despite American, British and Dutch machinations the "two great peoples of China and the Soviet Union—700,000,000 strong—are sincerely united and co-operating."—United Press.

HUKS ARE SMART OPERATORS

Manila, Apr. 16.—A Methodist missionary who has observed the spread of the Huk movement into northern Luzon says that the peasant outlaw leaders are "smart operators who befriend the people and capture their confidence."

The Rev. Curran L. Spottswood, Jr., formerly of Mobile, Alabama, has spent three years in northern Luzon, where he has headquarters at Tuguegarao, and makes occasional trips through some of the loneliest country on earth—the Sierra Madre mountain area of northeastern Luzon.

Just returned from a 600-mile, 14-day trip, mostly on foot, the Rev. Spottswood found evidence that the infamous Huk leaders are gradually extending their influence northward from the central Luzon plain and getting many "converts."

The Huk leaders are led by Communists, but the Rev. Spottswood found no admitted Reds among the backward Filipinos he met.

The people showed the strong influence of the Huk leaders, the missionary explained. "They claim they are not Communists and are not opposed to democracy, but they are extremely anti-capitalist and bitterly critical of what they believe to be graft and corruption in the government."

"People everywhere complain that they are poor and have been mistreated by the big landowners. Curiously enough, United Press.

Point 4 Might Do More Harm Than Good

Washington, Apr. 16.—Two social scientists said today that President Truman's Point Four programme to aid underdeveloped nations might do more harm than good.

Dr. Ralph Linton, Yale University anthropologist, and William Vogt, former conservation expert with the Pan-American Union, expressed this view in a symposium on the President's programme in the Spring issue of the American Perspective, publication of the Foundation for Foreign Affairs.

America Buys More Bombers

Washington, Apr. 16.—The U.S. Air Force has placed orders for about 1,250 new planes, valued at more than \$551,000,000 during the current fiscal year, with continued strong emphasis on heavy bombers, it was revealed today.

This was the first disclosure of the Air Force procurement programme for the fiscal year which ends on June 30.

The Navy said last week that its plane procurement programme for the current year probably would cost about \$500,000,000 and involve some 700 planes.

The Air Force figures indicated continued heavy emphasis on the Consolidated B-36 super-bombers and the beginning of a major buying programme for the Boeing B-47 six-jet bomber that flies more than 600 miles per hour.

President Truman requested \$1,350,000,000 for new Air Force and Navy planes in the fiscal year 1951, but the Joint Chiefs of Staff are believed to be about ready to recommend at least a \$500,000,000 increase in the amount.—United Press.

Another Air Crash

Havana, Apr. 16.—Eight persons were believed killed today in the crash of a Cuban federal airliner near Moron in Central Cuba. The authorities reported that six passengers and two crew were aboard the small transport, which crashed at one a.m. today.

The plane had just taken off from Moron en route to Camaguey when it plunged to earth. The cause of the accident is as yet unknown and the bodies had not been recovered by mid-afternoon.—United Press.

Speed-Up In The Wings

Washington, Apr. 16.—The Air Force disclosed today that it has increased the operating radius of its F-84-E "Thunderjet" fighter planes to more than 1,000 miles by adding two 230-gallon wingtip tanks. The previously announced operating radius was 850 miles. The extra tanks add a total of 920 gallons of fuel to the Thunderjet's normal capacity.—United Press.

Dr. Linton said: "The impact of 'progress' and mechanisation on stable folk cultures in backward areas has been, so far, catastrophic. It will therefore take all the ingenuity that America has to bring mechanisation to native peoples without doing them more harm than good."

He said the programme's first big effect would be to increase the population by cutting the death rate. Therefore, he added, any gains these nations made in resources would at least be offset by the increase in population.

If the programme was to become effective, he continued, underdeveloped nations must adopt birth control.

Mr. Vogt, author of "Road to Survival," said it would take years before the programme could be completed, and even then chances of success were slim.

IMPOSSIBLE PROMISES

"The chances of triumphant action against misery and despair are minute," he said. "The possibility of success within a period shorter than a number of decades is virtually non-existent."

He said that so far the United States had made nothing but "impossible promises." He said the United States should be undertaking a scientific survey of the world's demands and an inventory of its resources.

"We must make that up before we undertake that the people and governments of various areas will want strongly enough what we consider development to do their part. Incredible though it may seem to a large number of Americans, not all the people in the world want the education that we have made a ribbulet. Not all of them want our material standard of living enough to accept the hard work and self-discipline on which it must be based."—United Press.

INTELLIGENCE TEST: SOLUTION

"The Kharthar formula can only be determined by trial. A clue is given by the fact that the pension awarded at 65 is double that awarded at 60. This suggests that the pensioner's age is deducted from 100, and that some agreed number is then divided by the difference."

It should not be difficult to deduce that this number is 25,000. If a pensioner's age on retirement is x years, his pension in pounds will be found to be $\frac{25,000}{100-x}$. So the employee in question has retired at 64 and he would have been 60.

London Express Service.

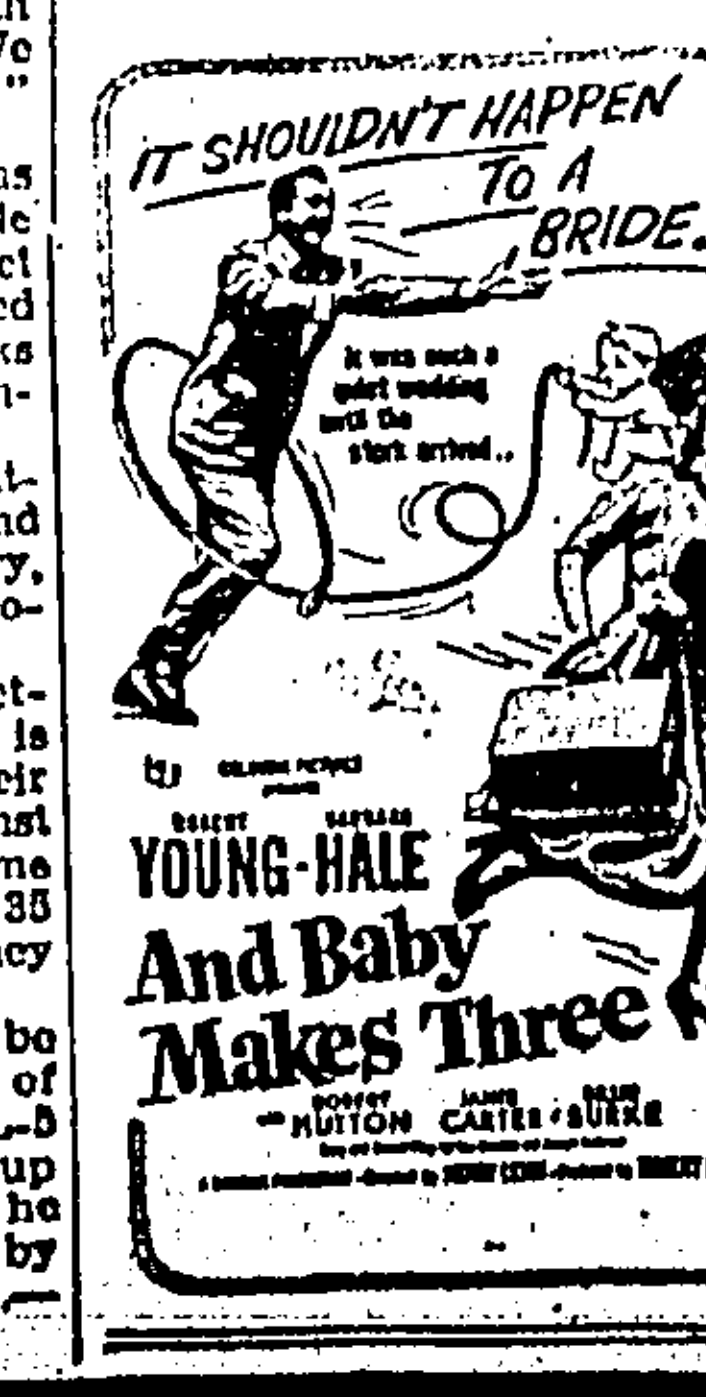
CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers
1. Watts. 2. In the state of Pennsylvania, USA. 3. Swedish hors d'oeuvres. 4. No, it is formed when moisture from the warm air is deposited on something cold enough to condense it. 5. Sir Walter Scott. 6. Mississippi.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, Secretaries.

NOTICE

THE MACAO ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Registers of Transfer and Members of the Company will be closed from Friday, 21st April, 1950, to Friday, 28th April, 1950, both dates inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
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PRESS PHOTOGRAPHS

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